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AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS ADVERTISING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 30-1 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 3 passage):
- For the [interpretation] <u>purposes</u> of this chapter <u>and section 2 of this</u>
- 5 <u>act</u>, unless the context indicates a different meaning:
- 6 (1) "Airline" means any (A) United States airline carrier [,] holding a
- 7 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil
- 8 Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of
- 9 1958, as amended from time to time, or [any] (B) foreign flag carrier [,]
- 10 holding a permit under Section 402 of [such] <u>said</u> act.

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12 (2) "Alcohol" (A) means the product of distillation of any fermented 12 liquid [,] that is rectified [either] at least once [or more often, whatever 13 may be the] and regardless of such liquid's origin, [thereof,] and (B) 14 includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered nonpotable.

- 15 (3) ["Alcoholic liquor" or "alcoholic beverage" includes] "Alcoholic 16 beverage" and "alcoholic liquor" include the four varieties of liquor 17 defined in subdivisions (2), (5), [(18)] (21) and [(19)] (22) of this section 18 (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or solid, patented or 19 [not] <u>unpatented</u>, containing alcohol, [spirits, wine or] beer, <u>spirits or</u> 20 wine and at least one-half of one per cent alcohol by volume, and 21 capable of being consumed by a human being [for] as a beverage. 22 [purposes.] Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the four 23 varieties so defined [is considered as belonging to that] belongs to the 24 variety which has the [higher] highest percentage of alcohol [,] 25 according to the following order: Alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, except 26 as provided in subdivision [(19)] (22) of this section. [The provisions of 27 this chapter shall not apply to any liquid or solid containing less than 28 one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume.]
 - (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is [himself] the proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or unincorporated, that is engaged in [the manufacture or sale of] manufacturing or selling alcoholic liquor [,] and in which business a permittee is associated, whether as an agent, employee [, agent] or part owner.

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- (5) "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation
 of [an infusion or decoction of barley, malt and hops] <u>a decoction or infusion of barley, hops and malt in drinking water.</u>
- (6) "Boat" means any vessel that is (A) operating on any waterway of
 this state, and (B) engaged in transporting passengers for hire to or from
 any port of this state.
- 41 [(6) (A)] (7) "Case price" means the price of a container <u>made</u> of cardboard, wood or <u>any</u> other material [,] <u>and</u> containing units of the

43 same [size and] class <u>and size</u> of alcoholic liquor. [, and (B) a] A case of 44 alcoholic liquor, other than beer, cocktails, cordials, [cocktails, wines 45 and prepared mixed drinks prepared mixed drinks and wines, shall be 46 in the [number and] quantity and number, or fewer, with the permission 47 of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of bottles or units [or 48 bottles] as follows: [(i) Six] (A) Six one thousand seven hundred fifty 49 milliliter bottles, [; (ii)] (B) six one thousand eight hundred milliliter 50 bottles, (C) twelve seven hundred milliliter bottles, (D) twelve seven 51 hundred twenty milliliter bottles, (E) twelve seven hundred fifty 52 milliliter bottles, (F) twelve nine hundred milliliter bottles, (G) twelve 53 one liter bottles, [; (iii) twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; (iv)] 54 (H) twenty-four three hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, [; (v)] (I) 55 forty-eight two hundred milliliter bottles, [; (vi)] (J) sixty one hundred 56 milliliter bottles, [; or (vii)] or (K) one hundred twenty fifty milliliter 57 bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter bottles may be in a [number and] 58 quantity and number as originally configured, packaged and sold by the 59 manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to shipment [, provided such] 60 <u>if the</u> number of <u>such</u> bottles [does not exceed] <u>in such case is not greater</u> 61 than two hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize fewer 62 quantities or numbers [or quantities of units or] of bottles or units as 63 specified in this subdivision for any one person or entity more than eight 64 times in any calendar year. For the purposes of this subdivision, "class" 65 has the same meaning as [defined in] provided in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, 66 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits [, as defined in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, and as 67 defined in and 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

[(7)] (8) "Charitable organization" means any nonprofit organization that (A) is organized for charitable purposes, [to which has been issued a ruling by] and (B) has received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service classifying [it] such nonprofit organization as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time.

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75 [(8)] (9) "Club" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-22aa.

76 [(9)] (10) "Coliseum" [means a coliseum, as defined] has the same meaning as provided in section 30-33a.

- [(10)] (11) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission established under this chapter.
- 80 [(11)] (12) "Department" means the Department of Consumer 81 Protection.
- 82 (13) "Dining room" means any room or rooms (A) located in premises 83 operating under (i) a hotel permit issued under section 30-21, (ii) a 84 restaurant permit issued under subsection (a) of section 30-22, (iii) a 85 restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under subsection (b) of 86 section 30-22, or (iv) a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, as 87 amended by this act, and (B) where meals are customarily served to any 88 member of the public who has means of payment and a proper 89 demeanor.
- [(12)] (14) "Mead" means fermented honey [,] (A) with or without additions or adjunct ingredients, [or additions,] and (B) regardless of (i) alcohol content, [regardless of process, and regardless of being sparkling, carbonated] (ii) process, and (iii) whether such honey is carbonated, sparkling or still.
- 95 [(13)] (15) "Minor" means any person [under] who is younger than 96 twenty-one years of age.
- 97 (16) "Nonprofit club" has the same meaning as provided in section 98 30-22aa.
- 99 (17) "Nonprofit public television corporation" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-37d.
- [(14)] (18) (A) "Person" means [natural person, including partners but shall not include corporations, limited liability companies, joint stock companies or other associations of natural persons] an individual, including, but not limited to, a partner.

105 (B) "Person" does not include a corporation, joint stock company, 106 limited liability company or other association of individuals.

- [(15)] (19) (A) "Proprietor" includes all owners of [businesses or clubs, included in subdivision (4) of this section] a business or club, incorporated or unincorporated, that is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic liquor, whether such owners are [individuals, partners, joint stock companies, fiduciaries] persons, fiduciaries, joint stock companies, stockholders of corporations or otherwise. [, but]
- 113 (B) "Proprietor" does not include [persons or corporations who are
 114 merely creditors of such businesses or clubs, whether as note holders,
 115 bond holders, landlords or franchisors] any person who, or corporation
 116 that, is merely a creditor, whether as a bond holder, franchisor, landlord
 117 or note holder, of a business or club, incorporated or unincorporated,
 118 that is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic liquor.
- [(16) "Dining room" means a room or rooms in premises operating under a hotel permit, hotel beer permit, restaurant permit, restaurant permit for beer or wine or cafe permit, where meals are customarily served, within the room or rooms, to any member of the public who has means of payment and proper demeanor.]
- [(17)] (20) "Restaurant" [means a restaurant, as defined] has the same meaning as provided in section 30-22, as amended by this act.
- [(18)] (21) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other substances in solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.
- [(19)] (22) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by [the fermentation of] fermenting the natural sugar content of fruits, such as apples, grapes [or apples] or other agricultural products, containing such sugar, including fortified wines such as port, sherry and champagne.
- 134 [(20) "Nonprofit public television corporation" means a nonprofit

- public television corporation, as defined in section 30-37d.
- 136 (21) "Nonprofit club" has the same meaning as provided in section
- 137 30-22aa.]
- 138 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For the purposes of this
- 139 section:
- 140 (1) "Religious organization" means (A) any religious corporation,
- society or organization that is formed or recognized under chapter 598
- of the general statutes, or (B) any religious organization that is eligible
- for an exemption under section 12-412 of the general statutes; and
- 144 (2) "Sacramental wine" means any wine that is (A) exclusively used
- 145 for religious or sacramental purposes, and (B) exempt from taxation
- 146 under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Revenue Services
- pursuant to section 12-449 of the general statutes.
- 148 (b) A religious wine retailer permit shall allow the holder of such
- 149 permit to import and sell, at retail, sacramental wine to religious
- organizations. Such sacramental wine shall not be consumed on the
- permit premises and any sale of such sacramental wine shall only take
- place during the hours a religious wine retailer may sell alcoholic liquor
- under subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended
- by this act. The holder of a religious wine retailer permit issued under
- this section shall operate at least one retail location in this state, be
- 156 primarily engaged in the business of selling religious supplies that do
- not contain alcohol and not hold any other permit issued under chapter
- 158 545 of the general statutes. The annual fee for a religious wine retailer
- permit issued under this section shall be two hundred fifty dollars.
- (c) The holder of a religious wine retailer permit issued under this
- section may purchase sacramental wine directly from a manufacturer,
- out-of-state shipper or wholesaler. All shipments of sacramental wine
- to the holder of a religious wine retailer permit issued under this section
- shall be conspicuously labeled "for sacramental or religious purposes
- only". If the holder of a religious wine retailer permit issued under this

section imports into this state a supply of any brand of sacramental wine directly from a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, such brand need not comply with the provisions of sections 30-63 and 30-64 of the general statutes for such directly imported supply.

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- Sec. 3. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 30-19f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 173 (a) An in-state transporter's permit for alcoholic liquor shall allow the 174 commercial transportation of any alcoholic liquor and, with the 175 approval of the [department, the sale or provision] Department of 176 Consumer Protection, the provision or sale of alcoholic liquor for 177 consumption in a boat engaged in the transportation of passengers for 178 hire [and in] or a motor vehicle in livery service, as permitted by law. 179 One permit shall cover all such boats [and] or vehicles that are under 180 common control, direction, management or ownership. When applying 181 for such approval, the owner of any such boat [and] or vehicle in which 182 the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor will be available shall 183 specifically identify to the department each such boat [and] or vehicle. 184 [to the department.] The annual fee for an in-state transporter's liquor 185 permit shall be one thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the first boat 186 or vehicle and [there shall be] an additional annual fee of two hundred 187 dollars for each additional boat or vehicle.
 - (b) No person, corporation, [trust, partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, and any] incorporated or unincorporated association, partnership, trust or other legal entity except [: (1) The] the holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-18 or 30-19, [; (2) the holder of] a manufacturer's permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-16, other than [the holder of] a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead, [; and (3) the holder of] or a wholesaler's permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-17, shall transport any alcoholic beverages imported into this state unless such person: [holds] (1) Holds an in-state transporter's permit; [and] (2) the tax imposed on such

alcoholic liquor [by] <u>under</u> section 12-435 has been paid; and [,] (3) if applicable, the tax imposed on the sale of such alcoholic liquor [pursuant to] <u>under</u> chapter 219 has been paid.

- 202 (c) An in-state transporter, when [shipping or] delivering or shipping 203 directly to a consumer in this state wine, cider or mead, [directly to a 204 consumer in this state, shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping labels on all 205 containers of such products shipped directly to a consumer in this state conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL-206 207 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR 208 DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person [age twenty-one or 209 older] who is at least twenty-one years of age at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to demonstrate that [he or she is age 210 211 twenty-one or older] the signer is at least twenty-one years of age by 212 providing a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity 213 card described in section 1-1h; and (3) not ship to any address in the 214 state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option 215 pursuant to section 30-9.
- Sec. 4. Section 30-20 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (a) For the purposes of this section, "grocery store" (1) means any store that (A) is commonly known as a delicatessen, food store, grocery store or supermarket, and (B) is primarily engaged in the retail sale of various canned goods and dry goods such as coffee, flour, spices, sugar and tea, whether packaged or in bulk, regardless of whether such store sells fresh fruits and vegetables or fresh, prepared or smoked fish, meat and poultry, and (2) does not include any store that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of bakery products, candy, nuts and confectioneries, dairy products, eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables or seafood.
- [(a)] (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit premises. [, such sales to be made only in sealed bottles or

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other containers.] The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations, and (C) conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or backer of [a] the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted only during the hours [a] the package store [is permitted to] may sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No tasting of wine on the permit premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked bottles at any one time.

(2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, [that,] notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store may sell [(1)] (A) cigarettes and cigars, [(2)] (B) publications, [(3)] (C) bar utensils, [which shall include, but need not be including, but not limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, [(4)] (D) gift packages of alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which gift packages may include [a] nonalcoholic [item in the gift package that may be any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the litems, other than food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items [of the] in such gift package, [(5)] (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, [(6)] (F) cheese, [or] crackers [,] or both, [(7)] (G) olives, [(8)] (H) nonalcoholic beverages, [(9)] (I) concentrates used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, [(10)] (I) beer and wine-making kits and products related to [beer and wine-making] such kits, [(11)] (K) ice in any form, [(12)] (L) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry, [(13)] (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, [(14)] (N) multiple packages of alcoholic

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liquors, [as defined in subdivision (3) of section 30-1,] provided in all such cases the minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, [(15)] (O) lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by [said] the department, [(16)] (P) devices and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including, but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not designed primarily for such purposes, [including, but not limited to, household blenders, (17)] (Q) alcohol-infused confections containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight and which the commissioner has approved for sale [by the commissioner] under section 21a-101, and [(18)] (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and commodities authorized for sale under [subdivisions (1) to (17), inclusive, of this subsection] subparagraphs (A) to (Q), inclusive, of this subdivision. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway sponsored by the [Department of Consumer Protection] department. The annual fee for a package store permit shall be five hundred thirtyfive dollars.

[(b)] (c) A grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery store and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers not to be consumed on the <u>permit</u> premises. [A] <u>The</u> holder of a grocery store beer permit shall post, in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display, the retail price for each brand of beer and [said] <u>such</u> retail price shall include all applicable federal and state taxes, including, but not <u>limited to</u>, the applicable state sales taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one hundred seventy dollars, [. For a] <u>or</u>, for a grocery store that has annual sales of food and grocery items of [not less than] <u>at least</u> two million dollars, [the annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be] one thousand five hundred dollars.

[(c) "Grocery store" means any store commonly known as a supermarket, food store, grocery store or delicatessen, primarily engaged in the retail sale of all sorts of canned goods and dry goods such as tea, coffee, spices, sugar and flour, either packaged or in bulk, with or without fresh fruits and vegetables, and with or without fresh, smoked and prepared meats, fish and poultry, except that no store primarily engaged in the retail sale of seafood, fruits and vegetables, candy, nuts and confectioneries, dairy products, bakery products or eggs and poultry shall be included in the definition of "grocery store".]

- (d) The holder of a package store permit or a grocery store beer permit issued under this section may allow curbside pick-up of previously purchased alcoholic liquor by (1) the consumer who purchased such alcoholic liquor, or (2) the holder of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or such holder's agent. Such curbside pick-up shall be limited to the space immediately adjacent to, or in a parking lot abutting, the permit premises. The holder of such package store permit or grocery store beer permit may allow such curbside pick-up only during the hours the package store or grocery store is allowed to sell alcoholic liquor under subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act, unless a more restrictive municipal ordinance limits such curbside pick-up hours.
- Sec. 5. Section 30-46 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, except as to a store engaged chiefly in the sale of groceries, in its discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor if [it] the department has reasonable cause to believe [:] that (1) [That] the proximity of the permit premises [will have a detrimental effect upon any church] to any charitable institution supported by private or public funds, church, convent, hospital, public or parochial school, [convent, charitable institution, whether supported by private or public funds, hospital] or veterans' home, or any [camp,] barracks, camp or flying

332 field of the armed forces, [; (2) that such location] will detrimentally 333 impact such institution, church, convent, hospital, school, home, 334 barracks, camp or field, (2) the permit premises is in such proximity to 335 a no-permit town so that it is apparent that the applicant is seeking to 336 obtain the patronage of [such] persons in such town, [;] (3) [that] the 337 number of permit premises in the locality is such that [the] granting [of] 338 a permit is detrimental to the public interest, and, in reaching a 339 conclusion in this respect, the department may consider the character 340 [of, the] and population of, and the number of like permits and [number 341 of all permits existent in, the particular town and the immediate 342 neighborhood concerned [,] and the effect which a new permit may have 343 on such town or neighborhood or on like permits existent in such town 344 or neighborhood, [;] (4) [that] the place has been conducted as a lewd or 345 disorderly establishment, [;] (5) [that] the backer does not have a right 346 to occupy the permit premises, [;] (6) [that] drive-up sales of alcoholic 347 liquor, other than curbside pick-up allowed under subsection (d) of 348 section 30-20, as amended by this act, are being made at the permit 349 premises, [;] or (7) [that] there is any other reason as provided by state 350 or federal law or regulation which warrants such refusal.

(b) (1) The existence of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a 352 shall not be a factor to be taken into consideration under subdivision (3) 353 of subsection (a) of this section.

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- 354 (2) The provisions of subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of 355 this section shall not apply to [the granting] issuance of a coliseum 356 permit under section 30-33a.
- 357 Sec. 6. Section 30-51a of the general statutes is repealed and the 358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of section 30-47 and section 30-51, a permittee of premises operating under a grocery store beer permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, may lease up to fifty per cent of the total square footage of the premises to any person for lawful purposes. The

364 Department of Consumer Protection shall not issue a permit allowing the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor on any such leased premises, 365 366 and the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor [, as defined in

- subdivision (3) of section 30-1,] shall be unlawful on any such leased
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- 369 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 30-74 of the general statutes is 370 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 371 passage):
- 372 (c) No permittee or backer who is authorized under this chapter to 373 sell alcoholic liquor at retail for consumption off the permit premises, 374 and no agent or employee of such permittee or backer, may sell or 375 deliver such alcoholic liquor from a drive-up window or similar exterior 376 wall opening except as part of a curbside pick-up authorized under subsection (d) of section 30-20, as amended by this act.
- 378 Sec. 8. Section 30-22a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 379 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 380 passage):
 - (a) A cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises of a cafe. The holder of a cafe permit shall keep food available for sale to its customers for consumption on the premises during [a] the majority of the hours such premises are open. The availability of food from outside vendors located on or near the premises, who may directly deliver such food or indirectly deliver such food through a third party, shall be deemed compliance with such requirement. The licensed premises shall at all times comply with all the regulations of the local department of health. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that any food be sold or purchased with any alcoholic liquor, nor shall any rule, regulation or standard be promulgated or enforced [requiring that the sale] to require that sales of food be substantial or that the [receipts of the business other than from the sale of business's receipts from sales of alcoholic liquor equal any set percentage of total receipts from all sales made [therein] on the

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<u>licensed premises</u>. A cafe permit shall allow, with the prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas that are screened or not screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall also authorize the sale at retail from the premises of sealed containers, supplied by the permittee, of draught beer for consumption off the premises. Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act. Not more than four liters of such beer shall be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act. The annual fee for a cafe permit shall be two thousand dollars, except the annual fee for a cafe permit for a prior holder of a tavern permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under</u> section 30-26 shall be eight hundred dollars for the first year, twelve hundred dollars for the second year, one thousand six hundred dollars for the third year and two thousand dollars for each year thereafter.

- (b) (1) A cafe patron may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises consumption, provided the patron has purchased a full course meal and consumed a portion of the wine with such meal on the cafe premises. For purposes of this section, "full course meal" means a diversified selection of food which (A) ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware, and [which] (B) cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking.
- (2) A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from the premises [pursuant to] <u>under</u> this subsection shall be securely sealed and placed in a bag by the permittee or the permittee's agent or employee prior to removal from the premises.
- 428 (c) As used in this section, "cafe" means space in a suitable and

permanent building, vessel or structure, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and food is served for sale at retail for consumption on the premises but which does not necessarily serve hot meals; it shall have no sleeping accommodations for the public and need not necessarily have a kitchen or dining room but shall have employed therein at all times an adequate number of employees.

- (d) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] <u>includes</u> any location in [the Bradley International Airport] <u>a</u> passenger terminal complex <u>of any airport</u>, <u>as defined in section 15-34</u>, or any location adjacent to and attached by common partition to [said] <u>such</u> complex, which is open to the public [and] or to airline club members or their guests, with or without the sale of food, for consumption on the premises.
- (e) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] <u>includes</u> all of the land and buildings in which the principal business conducted is racing or jai alai exhibitions, with pari-mutuel betting licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection.
- (f) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] <u>includes</u> any commercial bowling establishment containing ten or more lanes, or any commercial racquetball or tennis facility containing five or more courts, with or without food, for consumption on the premises.
- (g) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] includes the premises and grounds of a golf country club, defined as: (1) [an] An association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, that has been in existence as a bona fide organization for at least one year prior to applying for a permit issued as provided by this chapter, or that at the time of applying for the permit is in existence as a bona fide organization and has not less than twenty members who have paid annual membership fees or dues and have signed affidavits of their intention to remain members of the association for not less than one year after that time, not including associations organized for any

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commercial or business purpose the object of which is money profit, which maintains a golf course of not less than eighteen holes and a course length of at least fifty-five hundred yards and a club house with facilities that include locker rooms, a dining room and a lounge; provided the club shall file with the department, upon request, within ten days of February first in each year, a list of the names and residences of its members, and shall similarly file, within ten days of the election of any additional member, his name and address, and provided its aggregate annual membership fees or dues and other income, exclusive of any proceeds of the sale of alcoholic liquor, shall be sufficient to defray the annual rental of its leased or rented premises, or, if the premises are owned by the club, shall be sufficient to meet the taxes, insurance and repairs and the interest on any mortgage thereof; and provided, further, its affairs and management shall be conducted by a board of directors, executive committee or similar body chosen by the members at their annual meeting, and no member or any officer, agent or employee of the club shall be paid or, directly or indirectly, shall receive in the form of salary or other compensation any profits from the disposition or sale of alcoholic liquor to the club or to the members of the club or its guests introduced by members, beyond the amount of such salary as may be fixed and voted at annual meetings by the members or by its directors or other governing body and as reported by the club to the department, within three months after the annual meeting, and as is, in the judgment of the department, reasonable and proper compensation for the services of such member, officer, agent or employee; or (2) an association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, which has been in existence as a bona fide organization for at least one year prior to applying for a permit issued as provided by this chapter, or which at the time of applying for the permit is in existence as a bona fide organization and has not less than twenty members who have paid annual membership fees or dues and is directly or indirectly wholly owned by a corporation which is and continues to be nonprofit and to which the Internal Revenue Service has issued a ruling classifying it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding

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internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, which maintains a golf course of not less than eighteen holes and a course length of at least fifty-five hundred yards and a club house with facilities which include locker rooms, a dining room and a lounge; provided the club shall file with the department, upon request, within ten days of February first in each year, a list of the names and residences of its members, and shall similarly file, within ten days of the admission of any additional member, his name and address. The nonprofit corporation shall demonstrate to the commission an ability to pay any operating deficit of the golf country club, exclusive of any proceeds of the sale of alcoholic liquor; and provided, further, the affairs and the management of the nonprofit corporation are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee or similar body at least forty per cent of the members of which are chosen by the members of the nonprofit corporation at their annual meeting and the balance of the members of the board of directors are professionals chosen for their knowledge of the business of the nonprofit corporation, and all moneys earned by the golf country club shall be used to defray its expenses of operation or for charitable purposes, and any balance shall be directly or indirectly remitted to the nonprofit corporation.

[(h) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall include the sale and public consumption of alcoholic liquor by passengers with or without meals upon any one designated boat engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire to or from any port in this state.]

[(i)] (h) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] includes any corporation that operates a railway in this state or that operates club, parlor, dining, buffet or lounge cars upon the lines of any such railway in this state. It shall allow the sale and public consumption of alcoholic liquor in any club, parlor, dining, buffet or lounge car of a passenger train operated in this state. It shall be subject to all the privileges, obligations and penalties provided for in this chapter except that it shall be issued to a corporation instead of to a person and, if it is revoked, another application may be made by the corporation for the issuance of another railroad permit at any time after

the expiration of one year after such revocation.

[(j)] (i) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include] includes a facility designed, constructed and used for corporate and private parties, sporting events, concerts, exhibitions, trade shows, entertainment presentations, conventions, banquets, meetings, dances, fund-raising events and similar functions, located on a tract of land of not less than twenty acres containing an enclosed roofed pavilion constructed to seat not less than two hundred fifty people, where hot meals are regularly served in an adequate and sanitary dining area, such meals having been prepared in an adequate and sanitary kitchen on the premises, and employing an adequate number of employees who shall serve only persons who are at such outing facility to attend an event, function, private party or banquet.

[(k)] (j) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" includes: (1) A room or building that is subject to the care, custody and control of The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees; (2) land and buildings which are subject to the care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher learning, as defined in section 10a-34, which has been accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34; or (3) on land or in a building situated on or abutting a golf course which is subject to the care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher learning, as defined in section 10a-34, which has been accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34.

Sec. 9. Section 30-12 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

When any town has so voted upon the question of liquor permits, any liquor permit granted in such town which is not in accordance with such vote shall be void except manufacturer permits and cafe permits issued

[pursuant to] <u>under</u> subsections (g) and [(k)] (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 30-14 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 567 (a) [A] Each permit shall be a purely personal privilege that [expires annually, except a permit issued under sections 30-25, 30-35, 30-37b, 30-568 569 37d, 30-37g and 30-37h, and is revocable in the discretion of the 570 Department of Consumer Protection, and subject to appeal, as provided 571 in section 30-55. [A] Except as otherwise provided in the general 572 statutes, including, but not limited to, sections 30-25, as amended by this 573 act, 30-35, 30-37b, 30-37d, 30-37g and 30-37h, each permit shall expire 574 annually. No permit shall [not] constitute property, [nor shall it] be 575 subject to attachment and execution [, nor shall it] or be alienable, except 576 [that it] a permit shall descend to the estate of a deceased permittee by 577 the laws of testate or intestate succession. An airline permit <u>issued under</u> 578 section 30-28a or a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection 579 [(k)] (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, shall be granted to the 580 airline corporation or railway corporation and not to any person, and 581 the corporation shall be the permittee.
- Sec. 11. Section 30-16b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 585 (a) [From June 4, 2021, until three years after June 4, 2021] <u>During the</u> 586 period beginning June 4, 2021, and ending June 5, 2024, the holder of a 587 permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-16, 30-21 or 30-22, as 588 amended by this act, [or] subsection [(a), (g), (h) or (i)] (c) or (g) of section 589 30-22a, as amended by this act, or section 30-22aa may sell for off-590 premises consumption sealed containers of all [such] alcoholic liquor 591 such permit holder is allowed to sell for on-premises consumption, 592 subject to the requirements of this section and consistent with all local 593 ordinances for the town in which the <u>permit</u> premises are located.

(b) Any alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption [pursuant to] <u>under</u> this section shall be accompanied by food prepared on the permit premises for off-premises consumption.

- (c) Alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption [pursuant to] <u>under</u> this section may be sold in a container other than the manufacturer's original sealed container, unless sold by a permittee under section 30-16. All such alcoholic liquor [sold for off-premises consumption] shall be given to a consumer in a securely sealed container that prevents consumption without the removal of a tamper-evident lid, cap or seal. A securely sealed container does not include a container with a lid with sipping holes or openings for straws. Each securely sealed container shall be placed in a bag by the permittee's agent or employee prior to removal from the permit premises.
- (d) If a permittee is delivering alcoholic liquor and food, such delivery shall be made only by a direct employee of the permittee and not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such third-party vendor or entity holds an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act.
- (e) The sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption [pursuant to] under this section shall: (1) [be] Be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act; and (2) if such alcoholic liquor is sold by a permittee under section 30-21 or 30-22, as amended by this act, subsection (c) or (g) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, or section 30-22aa, comply with all applicable requirements of said sections and the limits imposed under subsection (g) of this section.
 - (f) A sealed container of alcoholic liquor sold [pursuant to] <u>under</u> this section shall not be deemed an open container, provided the sealed container is unopened, the seal has not been tampered with [,] and the contents of the sealed container have not been partially removed.
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626 [pursuant to] <u>under</u> this section by a permittee under section 30-21 or

- 627 30-22, as amended by this act, subsection (c) or (g) of section 30-22a, as
- 628 <u>amended by this act, or section 30-22aa</u> shall comply with the following
- 629 limits for any one order, per customer: (1) One hundred ninety-six
- ounces [,] for beer; [,] (2) one liter [,] for spirits; [,] and (3) one and one-
- 631 half liters [,] for wine.
- (h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the retail sale of
- any alcoholic liquor manufactured by a manufacturer permittee under
- 634 section 30-16 on [its] the manufacturer's permit premises for off-
- 635 premises consumption, which shall be subject to the requirements of
- [said] section <u>30-16</u>, including, but not limited to, the volume limits and
- 637 hours of sale set forth in [said] section <u>30-16</u>.
- 638 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 30-22c of the 2022 supplement to the
- 639 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 640 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (b) The holder of a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under</u> subsection
- [(a)] (c) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, may operate a juice bar
- or similar facility at a permit premises if the juice bar or similar facility
- 644 is limited to a room or rooms or separate area within the permit
- 645 premises wherein there is no sale, consumption, dispensing or presence
- 646 of alcoholic liquor.
- Sec. 13. Section 30-23a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 649 passage):
- No person shall be construed to be a guest of a member of a club
- 651 [within the intent] for the purposes of section 30-22aa or of a golf
- 652 country club [within the intent of section 30-24a] for the purposes of
- subsection (g) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, until such
- 654 person's name and address has been entered in the guest book
- 655 maintained for such purposes on the club or golf country club premises,
- 656 together with the signature of the member and the date of introduction,
- 657 provided neither the permittee nor any person employed to dispense

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658 alcoholic beverages on such premises, during his working hours on such 659 premises, shall enter such person's name in such book. The 660 [requirement] provisions of this section: (1) [shall] Shall not apply to a 661 member of any nationally chartered veterans' service organization when 662 such member enters a club run by such organization that is not such 663 member's home club, but is affiliated with the same organization, 664 provided such member shall show a membership, travel card or similar 665 identification as a member of such organization upon entry to such club; 666 [,] and (2) may be waived by the Department of Consumer Protection 667 on special occasions upon written application.

Sec. 14. Section 30-24 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* passage):

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- 671 Spouses of members of any club or golf country club which holds a 672 permit under subsection (g) [or (h)] of section 30-22a, as amended by 673 this act, or section 30-22aa may be allowed to participate in all of the 674 privileges of such club or golf country club, by vote of such club's 675 members, and shall not be considered guests for the purposes of the 676 general statutes or provisions of the regulations of Connecticut state 677 agencies adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection.
- 678 Sec. 15. Section 30-24b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 679 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 680 passage):

Auxiliary members who are spouses of members or surviving 682 spouses of former deceased members of any club specified in 683 [subsections (g) to (i), inclusive,] subsection (g) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, or section 30-22aa which holds a permit under the provisions of this chapter may be allowed to participate in all the privileges of such club, by vote of such [club] club's members, and shall not be considered guests for purposes of the general statutes or provisions of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies adopted by 689 the Department of Consumer Protection.

Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 30-25 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (a) A special club permit shall allow the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink, at retail, to be consumed at the grounds of an outdoor picnic conducted by a club or golf country club. Such permits shall be issued only to holders of cafe permits issued [pursuant to subsections (g) to (i), inclusive, under subsection (g) of section 30-22a, [and] as amended by this act, and club permits issued under section 30-22aa, shall be issued on a daily basis subject to the hours of sale in section 30-91, as amended by this act, and shall be the same as provided therein for clubs and golf country clubs. The exception established in subsection (a) of section 30-48, as amended by this act, that applies to boats operating under an instate transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, and cafe permits issued [pursuant to subsections (j) and (k)] under subsection (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, [that is set forth in section 30-48] shall apply to such a special club permit. No such club or golf country club shall be granted more than four such special club permits during any one calendar year.
- Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 30-39 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a permit shall make an affirmed application therefor to the Department of Consumer Protection, upon forms to be furnished by the department, showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth all elements and details of any business transactions connected with the application. Such application shall include a detailed description of the type of live entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of business shall be exempt from providing such detailed description if the club or place of business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to October

1, 1993, and (B) has not altered the type of entertainment provided. The application shall also indicate any crimes of which the applicant or the applicant's backer may have been convicted. Applicants shall submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local building, fire and zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale will be met, except that local building and zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale shall not apply to a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection (d) or (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified designee shall be responsible for approving compliance with the State Fire Code at Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a permit provided for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's license with such application if such license was issued by the Department of Consumer Protection. The department may, at its discretion, conduct an investigation to determine whether a permit shall be issued to an applicant.

- (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a permit by a charitable organization <u>under section 30-37b</u>, including a nonprofit public television corporation <u>under section 30-37d</u>, a nonprofit golf tournament permit <u>under section 30-37g</u>, a temporary permit <u>under section 30-35</u> or a special club permit [; and for all other permits] <u>under section 30-25</u>, as amended by this act; and in the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial application <u>for all other permits</u>. Any permit issued shall be valid only for the purposes and activities described in the application.
- (3) The applicant, immediately after filing an application, shall give notice thereof, with the name and residence of the permittee, the type of permit applied for and the location of the place of business for which such permit is to be issued and the type of live entertainment to be provided, all in a form prescribed by the department, by publishing the

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same in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the place of business to be operated under such permit is to be located, at least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be not more than seven days after the filing date of the application and the last publication not more than fourteen days after the filing date of the application. The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible condition upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of business is to be located and clearly visible from the public highway, the placard provided by the department, not later than the day following the receipt of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door of such premises is so far from the public highway that such placard is not clearly visible as provided, the department shall direct a suitable method to notify the public of such application. When an application is filed for any type of permit for a building that has not been constructed, such applicant shall erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not less than six feet by four feet upon the site where such place of business is to be located, instead of such placard upon the outer door of the building. The sign shall set forth the type of permit applied for and the name of the proposed permittee, shall be clearly visible from the public highway and shall be so erected not later than the day following the receipt of the placard. Such applicant shall make a return to the department, under oath, of compliance with the foregoing requirements, in such form as the department may determine, but the department may require any additional proof of such compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of such compliance, the department may hold a hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to applications for (A) airline permits issued under section 30-28a, (B) charitable organization permits issued under section 30-37b, (C) temporary permits issued under section 30-35, (D) special club permits issued under section 30-25, as amended by this act, (E) concession permits <u>issued under section 30-33</u>, (F) military permits <u>issued under</u> section 30-34, (G) cafe permits issued [pursuant to] under subsection [(j) or (k)] (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, (H) warehouse permits issued under section 30-32, (I) [brokers'] broker's permits issued under section 30-30, (J) out-of-state [shippers'] shipper's permits for

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alcoholic liquor [and] issued under section 30-18, (K) out-of-state [shippers'] shipper's permits for beer [, (K)] issued under section 30-19, (L) coliseum permits [, (L)] issued under section 30-33a, (M) nonprofit golf tournament permits [, (M)] issued under section 30-37g, (N) nonprofit public television corporation permits [, (N)] issued under section 30-37d, (O) Connecticut craft cafe permits [by] issued under section 30-22d, as amended by this act, to permittees who held a manufacturer permit for a brew pub or a manufacturer permit for a beer and brew pub [prior to] before July 1, 2020, [and (O)] (P) off-site farm winery sales and wine, cider and mead tasting permits issued under section 30-16a, (Q) out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine issued under section 30-18a, (R) out-of-state winery shipper's permits for wine issued under section 30-18a, (S) in-state transporter's permits for alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, boats operating under such permits, (T) seasonal outdoor open-air permits issued under section 30-22e, as amended by this act, and (U) renewals of any [such permits] permit described in subparagraphs (A) to (T), inclusive, of this subdivision, if applicable. The provisions of this subdivision regarding publication and placard display shall also be required of any applicant who seeks to amend the type of entertainment either upon filing of a renewal application or upon requesting permission of the department in a form that requires the approval of the municipal zoning official.

(4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of the current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion shall be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the department and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct ownership. When any partnership changes by reason of the addition of one or more persons, a new application with new fees shall be required.

Sec. 18. Section 30-45 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The Department of Consumer Protection shall refuse permits for the sale of alcoholic liquor to the following persons: (1) Any state marshal, judicial marshal, judge of any court, prosecuting officer or member of any police force; [, (2) a minor, and] (2) any minor; (3) any constable who (A) performs criminal law enforcement duties and is considered a peace officer by town ordinance pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 54-1f, [any constable who] or (B) is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, [who] and performs criminal law enforcement duties pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 54-1f; [, or] and (4) any special constable appointed pursuant to section 7-92. This section shall not apply to any out-of-state [shippers' permits, cafe permits issued pursuant to subsection (j) of section 30-22a and airline permits] shipper's permit issued under section 30-18, 30-18a or 30-19, any cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, as amended by this act, any boat operating under any instate transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or any airline permit issued under section 30-28a. As used in this section, "minor" means a minor, as defined in section 1-1d or as defined in section 30-1, as amended by this act, whichever age is older.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 30-48 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or permittee of any other permit class except in the case of <u>airline permits</u> issued under section 30-28a, boats operating under in-state transporter's permits issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, and cafe permits issued [pursuant to subsection (d), (j) or (k)] <u>under subsections</u> (d) and (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, [and] except that: (1) A backer of a hotel <u>permit issued under section 30-21</u> or a restaurant permit <u>issued under section 30-22</u>, as amended by this act, may be a backer of both such classes; (2) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit <u>issued under section 30-22</u>, as amended by this act, or a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under subsection</u> (a) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, may be a holder or backer of any other or all of such classes;

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(3) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, may be a holder or backer of a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection (f) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act; (4) a backer of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, may be a backer of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a when such restaurant is within a coliseum; (5) a backer of a hotel permit issued under section 30-21 may be a backer of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (6) a backer of a grocery store beer permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, may be (A) a backer of a package store permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, if such was the case on or before May 1, 1996, and (B) a backer of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, provided the restaurant permit premises do not abut or share the same space as the grocery store beer permit premises; (7) a backer of a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection [(m)] (j) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, may be a backer of a nonprofit theater permit issued under section 30-35a; (8) a backer of a nonprofit theater permit issued under section 30-35a may be a holder or backer of a hotel permit issued under section 30-21 or a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (9) a backer of a concession permit issued under section 30-33 may be a backer of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (10) a holder of an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine issued under section 30-18a may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-37m, or of both such permits; (11) a holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor [other than beer] issued under section 30-18 or an outof-state winery shipper's permit for wine issued under section 30-18a may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act; (12) a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery [or the holder of] issued under subsection (c) of section 30-16 or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead issued under subsection (d) of section 30-16 may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act,

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a wine festival permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-37l, a farmers' market sales permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection (a) of section 30-37o, an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-16a or [of] any combination of such permits; (13) a holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-16 may be a holder of a farmers' market sales permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection (a) of section 30-37o; (14) the holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits, [a manufacturer permit for beer, a manufacturer permit for beer, a farm winery or [a manufacturer permit for] wine, cider and mead, issued under subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16, may be a holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit issued under section 30-22d, as amended by this act, a restaurant permit or a restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act; and (15) the holder of a restaurant permit [or] issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, as amended by this act, or an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, may be the holder of a seasonal outdoor open-air permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-22e, as amended by this act. Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit. No holder of a manufacturer permit for [a brew pub] beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-16 and no spouse or child of such holder may be a holder or backer of more than three restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, or cafe permits issued under section 30-22a, as amended by this act.

920 Sec. 20. Subsection (c) of section 30-48a of the 2022 supplement to the 921 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 922 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) Membership in any organization which is or may become the holder of a [cafe] <u>club or nonprofit club</u> permit issued [pursuant to subsection (h) of section 30-22a] <u>under section 30-22aa</u> shall not constitute acquisition of an interest in a retail permit.

927 Sec. 21. Section 30-53 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes

is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

930 Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer 931 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed by 932 the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club or 933 place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the 934 place of filing [of] for (1) a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under 935 subsection [(j) or (k)] (h) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, or a 936 boat operating under an in-state transporter's permit issued under 937 section 30-19f, as amended by this act, shall be the office of the town 938 clerk of the town of New Haven, and (2) an airline [permits,] permit 939 issued under section 30-28a shall be the office of the town clerk of the 940 town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be twenty dollars.

- 941 Sec. 22. Section 30-54 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 942 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* 943 *passage*):
- Every permittee, other than a corporation holding a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under</u> subsection [(k)] (h) of section 30-22a, <u>as</u> amended by this act, or an airline permit issued under section 30-28a, shall cause [his or her] <u>such permittee's</u> permit or a duplicate thereof to be framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place in any room where the sales so permitted are to be carried on.
 - Sec. 23. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 30-91 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) The sale, [or the] dispensing, [or] consumption or [the] presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to [permit] allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel permits issued under section 30-21, restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, as amended by this act, cafe permits issued under section 30-22a, as amended by this act, Connecticut craft cafe permits issued under section 30-22d, as amended by this act, club

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permits issued under section 30-22aa, restaurant permits for catering establishments issued under section 30-22b, coliseum permits issued under section 30-33a, nonprofit public museum permits issued under section 30-37a, manufacturer permits for beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead issued under subsection (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16, casino permits issued under section 30-37k, caterer liquor permits issued under section 30-37j and charitable organization permits issued under section 30-37b shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

- (b) Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under subsection (a) of this section, except sales [pursuant to] <u>under</u> a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under</u> subsection (d) of section 30-22a, <u>as amended by this act</u>, shall be permissible. In all cases when a town, either by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, has acted on the sale of alcoholic liquor or the reduction of the number of hours when such sale is permissible, such action shall become effective on the first day of the month succeeding such action and no further action shall be taken until at least one year has elapsed since the previous action was taken.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, such sale, [or] dispensing, [or] consumption or presence in glasses in places operating under a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] under subsection (f) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, shall be unlawful before eleven a.m. on any day, except in that portion of the

permit premises which is located in a separate room or rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment, is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a cafe permit issued [pursuant to] <u>under</u> subsection (f) of section 30-22a, <u>as amended by this act</u>, shall be served in containers such as, but not limited to, plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under this subsection shall be permissible.

- (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption in places operating under package store permits [, drug store permits] issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, druggist permits issued under section 30-36, manufacturer permits [for beer or] issued under section 30-16, grocery store beer permits issued under subsection (c) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, or religious wine retailer permits issued under section 2 of this act shall be unlawful on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day and Christmas; and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption in places operating under package store permits, [drug store] druggist permits, manufacturer permits for beer, [and] grocery store beer permits and religious wine retailer permits shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after six o'clock p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be permissible.
- (e) (1) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit [,] issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, or a Connecticut craft cafe permit issued under section 30-22d, as amended by this act, and wherein, under the provisions of this section, the sale of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on certain days or hours of the day, or during the period when [a cafe] such permit is suspended, it shall likewise be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit [it] such premises to be occupied by, the public on such days or hours.

(2) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit, it shall be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit such premises to be occupied by, the public between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Saturday and Sunday or during any period of time when such permit is suspended, provided the sale, [or the] dispensing or consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale, [or] dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.

- (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, in the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit, it shall be lawful for such premises to be open to, or be occupied by, the public when such premises is being used as a site for film, television, video or digital production eligible for a film production tax credit pursuant to section 12-217jj, provided the sale, [or the] dispensing or consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale, [or the] dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.
- Sec. 24. Subsection (e) of section 30-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (e) "Restaurant" means space [,] that (1) is located in a suitable and permanent building, (2) is kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where hot meals are regularly served, [but which] (3) has no sleeping accommodations for the public, [and which shall be provided with] (4) has an adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room, [and] (5) employs at all times an adequate number of employees, and (6) if such space has no effective separation between a barroom and a dining room, includes at least four hundred square feet of dining space, and seating for at least twenty persons, in the dining room.

Sec. 25. Section 30-22d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) For the purposes of this section, "craft cafe" means a space that (1) is located in a suitable and permanent building, (2) is kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and food are served at retail for consumption on the premises, (3) at all times has employed therein an adequate number of employees, (4) does not include public sleeping accommodations, and (5) need not necessarily have a dining room or kitchen.

[(a)] (b) A Connecticut craft cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor manufactured in this state to be consumed on the premises of such craft cafe. The holder of such permit shall also hold a manufacturer permit issued under section 30-16, and shall keep food available during [a] the majority of the hours such permit premises are open [pursuant to] under this subsection for sale to, and consumption by, customers on [the] such permit premises. The availability of food from outside vendors located on or near the permit premises, [shall be deemed compliance with delivered either directly by such outside vendors or indirectly through a third party, is sufficient to satisfy such requirement. The permit premises shall at all times comply with all regulations of the local department of health. Nothing [herein] in this section shall be construed to require that any food be sold or purchased with any alcoholic liquor, [nor shall any] and no rule, regulation or standard shall be promulgated or enforced [requiring] to require that [the sale] sales of food be substantial or that the business's receipts [of the business other than from the sale] from sales of alcoholic liquor equal any set percentage of total receipts from all sales made [therein] on the permit premises. A Connecticut craft cafe permit shall allow, with [the prior approval of] the Department of Consumer [Protection] Protection's prior approval and if allowed under fire, zoning and health regulations, alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas that are screened or not screened from public view. [where permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by If fire, zoning or health regulations [,] do not require that such areas be enclosed by a

fence or wall, Jenclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer Protection the department shall not require that such areas be so enclosed. No such fence or wall [used to enclose such outside areas] shall be less than thirty inches high. [Such] A Connecticut craft cafe permit shall also authorize the sale, at retail from the permit premises [of] for consumption off the permit premises, of sealed containers supplied by the permittee of draught beer. [for consumption off the premises.] Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours that the holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-16 is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act. Not more than nine gallons of such beer shall be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-91, as amended by this act. The annual fee for [a] each Connecticut craft cafe permit shall be three hundred dollars.

- [(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, "craft cafe" means space in a suitable and permanent building, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and food is served for sale at retail for consumption on the premises but that does not necessarily serve hot meals, as specified in subsection (a) of this section, but shall have employed therein at all times an adequate number of employees. "Cafe" does not include sleeping accommodations for the public and need not necessarily have a kitchen or dining room.]
- (c) The holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit may purchase, for resale on such permit holder's premises, alcoholic liquor [for resale on such permit holder's premises] from the holder of a manufacturer permit for: (1) [Manufacturer permit for spirits issued pursuant to] Spirits issued under subsection (a) of section 30-16; [, (2) manufacturer permit for] (2) beer issued [pursuant to] under subsection (b) of section 30-16; [, (3) manufacturer permit for] (3) a farm winery issued [pursuant to] under subsection (c) of section 30-16; [,] or (4) [manufacturer permit for] wine, cider and mead issued [pursuant to] under subsection (d) of

section 30-16. The holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit shall not

- 1129 purchase the same type of alcoholic liquor such permit holder
- 1130 manufactures from any holder of a manufacturer permit specified in
- subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection. The sale of such alcoholic
- 1132 liquor shall not [be] comprise more than twenty per cent of the
- 1133 Connecticut craft cafe permit holder's gross annual sales of all alcoholic
- liquor sold for [on-premise] <u>on-premises</u> consumption.
- Sec. 26. Subsection (c) of section 30-22e of the 2022 supplement to the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1137 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1138 (c) The seasonal outdoor open-air permit shall be effective either
- 1139 April first to September thirtieth, inclusive, or May first to October
- thirty-first, inclusive, of the same year. Such permit shall be issued by
- the Department of Consumer Protection subject to the limitations on
- hours of operation for a restaurant permittee, as specified in section 30-
- 1143 91, as amended by this act. [Any] No such permit shall [not] be
- 1144 renewable, and the [issuance of] department shall not issue a
- provisional seasonal outdoor open-air permit. [is prohibited.] Any
- backer of the permittee may [only] apply for only one [such] seasonal
- 1147 <u>outdoor open-air</u> permit per calendar year. The provisions of
- subdivision (3) of subsection (b) and subsection (c) of section 30-39, as
- amended by this act, do not apply to [such permit] seasonal outdoor
- open-air permits. The annual fee for [a] each seasonal outdoor open-air
- 1151 permit shall be two thousand dollars.
- Sec. 27. Section 30-35b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 1154 passage):
- 1155 [A ninety-day provisional permit shall allow the retail sale or
- 1156 manufacture of alcoholic liquor by any] The Department of Consumer
- 1157 Protection or Liquor Control Commission may, in the department's or
- commission's discretion, issue to any applicant, who makes a sworn
- application for a liquor permit under section 30-39, as amended by this

1160 act, and such applicant's backer, if any, a ninety-day provisional permit 1161 allowing such applicant and [his or her backer, if any, who has made 1162 application for a liquor permit pursuant to section 30-39 and may be 1163 issued at the discretion of the Liquor Control Commission or the 1164 Department of Consumer Protection] backer to manufacture or sell, at 1165 retail, alcoholic liquor. If such applicant or [such applicant's backer, if 1166 any,] backer causes any delay in the investigation conducted by the 1167 [Department of Consumer Protection] department pursuant to [said] 1168 section 30-39, as amended by this act, [the] such ninety-day provisional 1169 permit shall <u>immediately</u> cease [immediately. Only] to be effective. The 1170 department or commission shall issue only one [such] ninety-day 1171 provisional permit [shall be issued] to any such applicant and [his or 1172 her] applicant's backer [, if any,] for each location of the club or place of 1173 business which is to be operated under such permit. [and such] Such 1174 ninety-day provisional permit shall be nonrenewable, but may be 1175 extended due to delays not caused by the applicant. [Such] The 1176 department or commission shall not extend such permit [shall not be 1177 extended] beyond one year from the filing date, as defined in section 30-1178 39, as amended by this act. The nonrefundable fee for such ninety-day 1179 provisional permit shall be five hundred dollars.

Sec. 28. Section 30-81 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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No person who is [, by statute or regulation,] declared, under any provision of the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, to be an unsuitable person to hold a permit to sell alcoholic liquor shall be allowed to have a financial interest in any [such permit] business that is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under any provision of the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies. Except as provided in section 30-90a, no minor shall be employed [in any premises operating under a cafe permit in any capacity or] in handling any alcoholic liquor upon, [in] delivering any alcoholic liquor to [,] or [in] carrying or conveying any alcoholic liquor from [,] any permit premises.

Sec. 29. Section 30-90 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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Any permittee who, [by himself, his] either personally or through such permittee's servant or agent, [permits] allows any minor or any person to whom the sale or gift of alcoholic liquor has been [forbidden according to prohibited by law to loiter on [his] the permit premises where [such] <u>alcoholic</u> liquor is kept for sale, or <u>who</u> allows any minor, other than a person [over age eighteen who is] who is at least eighteen <u>years of age and</u> an employee or permit holder under section 30-90a or a minor accompanied by [his] the minor's parent or guardian, to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be subject to the penalties [of] described in section 30-113. For barrooms consisting of only one room and for permit premises without effective separation between a barroom and a dining room, [no] an unaccompanied minor may remain on the permit premises while waiting for and consuming food prepared on such permit premises. No minor may sit or stand at a consumer bar without being accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse.

- Sec. 30. Section 20-578 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) Information received by the department, the commission or the Department of Public Health, through filed reports or inspection or as otherwise authorized under chapters 418, [and] 420b, 420c and 420f and sections 20-570 to 20-630, inclusive, shall not be disclosed publicly in such a manner as to identify individuals or institutions, except: (1) In a proceeding involving the question of licensure or the right to practice; [,] and (2) in a proceeding where the commission has voted in favor of formal disciplinary action against a pharmacist or pharmacy licensed pursuant to this chapter, when such disciplinary action is related to an error in the dispensing of medication. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from disclosing information gained through the inspection of pharmacies and outlets holding

permits for the sale of nonlegend drugs if the commissioner considers such disclosure to be in the interest of public health.

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- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 21a-265 and chapter 55, the Commissioners of Consumer Protection and Public Health and the authorized agents of said commissioners, in carrying out their duties under subsection (a) of this section, may: (1) Exchange information relating to a license or registration issued by their respective agencies; [,] or (2) exchange investigative information relating to violations of this chapter with each other, [with] the Chief State's Attorney and [with] any agencies charged with [the enforcement of] enforcing the pharmacy or drug laws of the United States, this state [and all] or other jurisdictions.
- Sec. 31. Subsection (a) of section 20-621a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) As used in this section: [,] (1) ["long-term care pharmacy"] "Longterm care pharmacy" (A) means a pharmacy licensed under section 20-594, or registered as a nonresident pharmacy under section 20-627, that stores and dispenses legend drugs and legend devices to patients or residents of licensed nursing homes, rest homes, residential care homes or other supervised residential facilities and from which related pharmaceutical care services are provided, and (B) includes pharmacies located both inside and outside of such facilities but does not include those that are part of a licensed hospital; [,] (2) "nursing home" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490; [,] and (3) "automated prescription dispensing machine" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571. A long-term care pharmacy may operate an automated prescription dispensing machine in a nursing home in accordance with a protocol approved in writing by the Department of Consumer Protection, until such time as regulations are adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The annual fee to operate an automated prescription dispensing machine shall be one hundred dollars per machine.

Sec. 32. Section 21a-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- 1262 (a) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may sell and dispense 1263 controlled drugs to any of the following-named persons, but in the case 1264 of schedule II drugs only on an official written order or electronically 1265 through the Drug Enforcement Agency's Controlled Substance 1266 Ordering System: (1) To a manufacturer, wholesaler or pharmacist; (2) 1267 to a physician, dentist or veterinarian; (3) to a person in charge of a 1268 hospital, incorporated college or scientific institution, but only for use 1269 by or in that hospital, incorporated college or scientific institution for 1270 medical or scientific purposes; (4) to a person in charge of a laboratory, 1271 but only for use in that laboratory for scientific and medical purposes; 1272 and (5) to any registrant as defined in subdivision (47) of section 21a-1273 240.
 - (b) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may sell controlled drugs only to registrants when permitted under federal and state laws and regulations.

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- (c) An official [written] order for any schedule I or II drug shall be signed [in triplicate] by the person giving such order or by [his] <u>such person's</u> authorized agent and [the original] <u>such order</u> shall be presented to the person who sells or dispenses the drug or drugs named therein as provided by federal [laws] <u>law</u>. If such order is accepted by such person, each party to the transaction shall preserve [his] <u>such party's</u> copy of such order for a period of three years in such a way <u>so</u> as to be readily accessible for inspection by any public officer or employee engaged in the enforcement of this chapter.
- (d) The manufacturer or wholesaler shall keep records of all sales and dispensing of controlled drugs and shall comply fully with applicable provisions of the federal controlled drug laws and the federal food and drug laws, and the state food, drug and cosmetic laws in such sale or dispensing of controlled drugs.

(e) Possession or control of controlled drugs obtained as authorized

by this section shall be lawful only if obtained in the regular course of the business, occupation, profession, employment or duty of the possessor.

- 1295 (f) A person in charge of a hospital, incorporated college or scientific 1296 institution, or of a laboratory, or in the employ of this state or of any 1297 other state, or of any political subdivision thereof, and a master or other 1298 proper officer of a ship or aircraft, who obtains controlled drugs under 1299 the provisions of this section or otherwise, shall not administer, or 1300 dispense, or otherwise use such drugs within this state, except within 1301 the scope of [his] such person's, master's or officer's employment or 1302 official duty, and then only for scientific or medicinal purposes or for 1303 the purposes of research or analysis and subject to the provisions of this 1304 chapter.
- Sec. 33. Section 28-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1307 (a) For purposes of this section and section 28-32a:
- 1308 (1) (A) "Drugs" means [(A)] (i) substances recognized as drugs in the 1309 official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic 1310 Pharmacopoeia of the United States [,] or official National Formulary, 1311 or any supplement to any of said publications, [; (B)] (ii) substances 1312 intended for use in [the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or 1313 prevention of curing, diagnosing, mitigating, preventing or treating 1314 disease in [man] <u>humans</u> or <u>other</u> animals, [; (C)] (iii) substances, other 1315 than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of 1316 [man] <u>humans</u> or <u>other</u> animals, [;] and [(D)] (iv) substances intended 1317 for use as a component of any article specified in [subparagraph (A), (B) 1318 or (C)] subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(ii) or (A)(iii) of this subdivision.
- 1319 <u>(B)</u> "Drugs" does not include devices or their components, parts or accessories. [;]
- 1321 (2) (A) "Controlled drugs" means those drugs which contain any quantity of a substance which has been designated as subject to the

1323 federal Controlled Substances Act, or which has been designated as a 1324 depressant or stimulant drug pursuant to federal food and drug laws, 1325 or which has been designated by the Commissioner of Consumer 1326 Protection pursuant to section 21a-243 as having a stimulant, depressant 1327 or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the central nervous 1328 system and as having a tendency to promote abuse or psychological or 1329 physiological dependence, or both. Such controlled drugs are 1330 classifiable as amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-type, 1331 cocaine-type, hallucinogenic, morphine-type and other stimulant and 1332 depressant drugs.

- 1333 (B) "Controlled drugs" does not include alcohol, nicotine or caffeine.
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- 1335 (3) (A) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance or immediate 1336 precursor in schedules I to V, inclusive, of the Connecticut controlled 1337 substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-243.
- 1338 (B) "Controlled substance" does not include alcohol, nicotine or caffeine.
- 1340 (4) "Medical devices" means apparatuses, contrivances and 1341 instruments, including their accessories, components and parts, 1342 intended (A) for use in curing, diagnosing, mitigating, preventing or 1343 treating disease in humans or other animals, or (B) to affect the structure 1344 or any function of the body of humans or other animals.

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(b) Upon declaration of an emergency by the Governor or the Governor's authorized representative having authority to declare emergencies, a hospital pharmacy, pharmacy or registrant authorized by state or federal law to be in possession of controlled substances may, in accordance with applicable federal regulations, policies and guidelines and with prior approval of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, transfer or distribute drugs, [or] controlled drugs or medical devices to a licensed pharmacy, a registrant authorized by state or federal law to be in possession of controlled substances, or a location authorized by the commissioner. Such registrant shall record the

transfer accurately and in compliance with all state and federal statutes 1355 1356 and regulations and shall report the transfer, in writing, to the 1357 commissioner. 1358 Sec. 34. Section 21a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*): (a) For the purposes of this section: [(1) "consumer commodity" and 1360 1361 "unit of a consumer commodity" have 1362 (1) "Alcoholic liquor" has the same meaning as provided in section 1363 30-1, as amended by this act; 1364 (2) "Carbonated soft drink container" means an individual, separate sealed glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, carton or jar containing a 1365 1366 carbonated liquid soft drink that is sold separately or in packages of not 1367 more than twenty-four individual containers; 1368 (3) "Consumer commodity" has the same meaning as provided in 1369 section 21a-73, except that [consumer commodity] "consumer 1370 commodity" does not include alcoholic liquor [, as defined in 1371 subdivision (3) of section 30-1,] or a carbonated soft drink container; [(2) 1372 "carbonated soft drink container" means an individual, separate, sealed 1373 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a carbonated 1374 liquid soft drink sold separately or in packages of not more than twenty-1375 four individual containers; (3) "universal product coding"] 1376 (4) "Electronic pricing system" means a system that utilizes, by means 1377 of a scanner, universal product coding bar codes in combination with a 1378 cash register to record and total a consumer's purchases; 1379 (5) "Electronic shelf labeling system" means an electronic system that 1380 utilizes an electronic device which (A) is attached to a shelf, or at any 1381 other point of sale, immediately above or below an item, (B) clearly and 1382 conspicuously displays to consumers the price and unit price of a 1383 consumer commodity, and (C) reads the same data as an electronic cash 1384 register scanning system;

1385 (6) "End cap display" means a location in a retail sales area that is at 1386 the immediate end of an aisle;

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- 1387 (7) "Unit of a consumer commodity" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-73; and
 - (8) "Universal product coding" means any system of coding that entails electronic pricing. [; (4) an electronic shelf labeling system is an electronic system that utilizes an electronic device attached to the shelf or at any other point of sale, immediately below or above the item, that conspicuously and clearly displays to the consumer the unit price and the price of the consumer commodity. Such electronic shelf labeling system reads the exact same data as the electronic cash register scanning system; and (5) an electronic pricing system is a system that utilizes the universal product coding bar code by means of a scanner in combination with the cash register to record and total a customer's purchases.]
 - (b) (1) (A) Any person who, or association, corporation, firm [,] or partnership [, association or corporation] that, [utilizes] uses universal product coding [in totaling] to total a retail [customer's] consumer's purchases shall mark, or cause to be marked, each consumer commodity that bears a [Universal Product Code] universal product code with [its] such consumer commodity's retail price.
 - (B) Any person who, or association, corporation, firm [,] or partnership [, association or corporation] that, [utilizes] uses an electronic pricing system [in totaling] to total a retail consumer's purchases shall provide [each] to such consumer [with] an item-by-item digital display, plainly visible to [the] such consumer as each universal [pricing] product code is scanned, of the price of each carbonated soft drink container or consumer commodity, [or carbonated soft drink container,] or both, which such consumer has selected for purchase [by such consumer prior to accepting] before such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership accepts payment from such consumer for such carbonated soft drink container or consumer commodity, or [container] both. The provisions of this subparagraph [do] shall not be

construed to apply to any person who, or association, corporation, firm [,] or partnership [, association or corporation] that, is operating in a retail sales area of not more than ten thousand square feet.

- (2) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply if [:] (A) [The] the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation, allows for the [utilization] use of electronic shelf labeling systems, [;] (B) [a retailer is granted] the commissioner grants to a person, association, corporation, firm or partnership approval to [utilize] use an electronic shelf labeling system, [by the commissioner;] (C) the [retailer has demonstrated] person, association, corporation, firm or partnership demonstrates, to the commissioner's satisfaction, [of the commissioner] that such electronic shelf labeling system is supported by an electronic pricing system that [utilizes] uses universal product coding [in totaling] to total a retail [customer's] consumer's purchases, [;] and (D) [the retailer] such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership has received the commissioner's approval for such an electronic pricing system. [by the commissioner.]
- (3) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a person, association, corporation, firm or partnership if [:] (A) [The retailer has met] the conditions [of] established in subdivision (2) of this subsection [;] have been satisfied, and (B) the [retailer] person, association, corporation, firm or partnership has received the Commissioner of Consumer Protection's permission [by the commissioner] to suspend implementation of the electronic pricing system for a period, not to exceed thirty days, [in order to allow the retailer] to enable such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership, or an agent acting on behalf of [the retailer] such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership, to [reset,] remodel, repair, reset or otherwise modify such electronic pricing system at the retail establishment.
- (4) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a person, association, corporation, firm or partnership if [:] (A) [The retailer] the person, association, corporation,

1450 firm or partnership applies for, and [is approved for] the Commissioner 1451 of Consumer Protection approves, an exemption [by the Commissioner 1452 of Consumer Protection for such person, association, corporation, firm 1453 or partnership, (B) [the retailer] such person, association, corporation, 1454 firm or partnership demonstrates, to the commissioner's satisfaction, [of 1455 the commissioner] that [the retailer] such person, association, 1456 corporation, firm or partnership has achieved price scanner accuracy of 1457 at least ninety-eight per cent, as determined by the latest version of the 1458 National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 130, 1459 "Examination Procedures for Price Verification", as adopted by The 1460 National Conference on Weights and Measures, [",] (C) [the retailer] 1461 such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership pays an 1462 application fee, to be used to offset annual inspection costs, of three 1463 hundred fifteen dollars, if the premises consists of less than twenty 1464 thousand square feet of retail space, [and] or six hundred twenty-five 1465 dollars, if the premises consists of at least twenty thousand square feet 1466 [or more] of retail space, (D) [the retailer] such person, association, 1467 corporation, firm or partnership makes available a consumer price test 1468 scanner that is approved by the commissioner and located prominently 1469 in an easily accessible location for each twelve thousand square feet of 1470 retail floor space, or fraction thereof, and (E) price accuracy inspections 1471 resulting in less than ninety-eight per cent price scanner accuracy are 1472 reinspected, without penalty, and [the retailer] such person, association, 1473 corporation, firm or partnership pays a two-hundred-fifty-dollar 1474 reinspection fee.

(5) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, consumer commodities that are offered for sale and [that are] located on an end cap display within the retail sales area [are] shall not be subject to the requirements [specified under] established in this subsection, provided any information that would otherwise have been made available to a consumer pursuant to this section is clearly and conspicuously posted on or adjacent to such end cap. [For purposes of this subdivision, "end cap display" means the location in the retail sales area that is at the immediate end of an aisle.]

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(6) Consumer commodities that are advertised in a publicly circulated printed form as being offered for sale at a reduced <u>retail</u> price for a minimum seven-day period need not be individually marked at such reduced retail price, provided such consumer commodities are individually marked with their regular retail price and a conspicuous sign [is] adjacent to such consumer commodities [, which sign] discloses [:] (A) [The] <u>such</u> reduced retail price and [its] <u>the</u> unit price [;] <u>of such consumer commodities</u>, and (B) a statement <u>disclosing</u> that [the item] <u>the cashier</u> will [be] electronically [priced] <u>price such consumer commodities</u> at [the] <u>such reduced price</u>. [by the cashier.]

- (7) [If] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, if a consumer commodity is offered for sale and [its] the consumer commodity's electronic price is higher than the posted price, then one item of such consumer commodity, up to a value of twenty dollars, shall be given to the consumer at no cost to the consumer. A conspicuous sign shall adequately disclose to the consumer that in the event the electronic price is higher than the posted retail price, one item of such consumer commodity shall be given to the [customer] consumer at no cost to the consumer.
- (B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall not apply to a person, association, corporation, firm or partnership in cases where the person, association, corporation, firm or partnership (i) improperly fails to redeem a digital or paper coupon which, if properly redeemed, would reduce the price of a consumer commodity, or (ii) fails to remove a sign adjoining a consumer commodity and disclosing a time-limited reduced price for the consumer commodity after the time period specified for such reduced price has expired.
 - (8) If a consumer presents a digital or paper coupon which, if properly redeemed, would reduce the price of a consumer commodity and the person, association, corporation, firm or partnership fails to properly redeem such coupon, such person, association, corporation, firm or partnership shall provide to the consumer a refund in an amount that is equal to the value of such coupon. If a person, association,

corporation, firm or partnership offers a consumer commodity for sale
at a reduced price for a specified time period, and a sign disclosing such
reduced price remains adjacent to the consumer commodity following
expiration of such time period, the person, association, corporation, firm
or partnership shall only require a consumer to pay the reduced price
disclosed in such sign for such consumer commodity.

- (c) (1) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the marking of prices, and use of universal product coding, on each unit of a consumer commodity.
- (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, designating not more than twelve consumer commodities that need not be marked in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and specifying the method of providing adequate disclosure to consumers to [insure] ensure that the electronic pricing of the designated consumer commodities is accurate. The commissioner may also establish, by regulation, methods to protect consumers against electronic pricing errors of such designated consumer commodities and to [insure] ensure that the electronic prices of such designated consumer commodities are accurate. Among the methods that the commissioner may consider are conditions similar to those set forth in subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of this section.
 - (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after providing notice and conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, may issue a warning citation <u>to</u>, or impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense on_z any person [,] <u>who</u>, or association, corporation, firm [,] <u>or partnership</u> [, association or corporation] that_z violates any provision of subsection (b) of this section. Any person <u>who</u>, or association, corporation, firm [,] <u>or partnership</u> [, association or corporation] that_z violates any provision of subsection (b)

1550 of this section, or any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of 1551 this section, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars for the 1552 first offense and not more than one thousand dollars for each 1553 subsequent offense. Each violation with respect to all units of a 1554 particular consumer commodity on any single day shall be deemed a 1555 single offense.

1556 Sec. 35. Section 21a-79b of the general statutes is repealed and the 1557 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (a) For the purposes of this section, "consumer commodity" has the same meaning as provided in section [21a-73, except that "consumer commodity" does not include alcoholic liquor, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, or a carbonated soft drink container 21a-79, as amended by this act.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21a-79, as amended by this act, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, if a retailer offers to a consumer a consumer commodity, including, but not limited to, [fruits] any fruit or [vegetables] vegetable weighed at the point of sale, [is offered for sale by a retailer] and [its] the price of the consumer commodity to the consumer at the point of sale is [higher] greater than the [posted or] advertised or posted retail price for such consumer commodity, [then] such retailer shall give such consumer commodity [, up to a value of twenty dollars, shall be given] to [the] such consumer, at no cost to such consumer, if the value of such consumer commodity is not more than twenty dollars. [A conspicuous] Retailers shall post a sign, [shall] in a conspicuous location, which adequately [disclose] discloses to [the consumer] consumers that in the event [such] the retail price of a consumer commodity is [higher] greater than the [posted or] advertised or posted retail price [,] for the consumer commodity, the retailer shall give such consumer commodity [shall be given] to the [customer] consumer at no cost to the consumer.
- 1580 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a retailer if the retailer (A) improperly fails to redeem a digital or

paper coupon which, if properly redeemed, would reduce the price of a consumer commodity, or (B) fails to remove a sign adjoining a consumer commodity and disclosing a time-limited reduced price for the consumer commodity after the time period specified for such reduced price has expired.

- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21-79 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if a consumer presents a digital or paper coupon which, if properly redeemed, would reduce the price of a consumer commodity, including, but not limited to, any fruit or vegetable weighed at the point of sale, and the retailer fails to properly redeem such coupon, such retailer shall provide to the consumer a refund in an amount that is equal to the value of such coupon. If a retailer offers a consumer commodity, including, but not limited to, any fruit or vegetable weighed at the point of sale, for sale at a reduced price for a specified time period, and a sign disclosing such reduced price remains adjacent to the consumer commodity after expiration of such time period, the retailer shall only require a consumer to pay the reduced price disclosed in such sign for such consumer commodity.
- [(c)] (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after providing notice and conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, may issue a warning citation to, or impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense on, any person who, or association, corporation, firm [,] or partnership [, association or corporation] that, violates any provision of subsection (b) or (c) of this section. Each violation with respect to all units of a particular consumer commodity on any single day shall be deemed a single offense.
- [(d)] (e) The provisions of this section do not apply to any person, association, corporation, firm [,] or partnership [, association or corporation] operating in a retail sales area of not more than ten thousand square feet.

Sec. 36. Section 42-133ff of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- 1628 (B) "Agent" does not mean (i) a common carrier, (ii) an employee of a common carrier, or (iii) any person engaged in the business of

furnishing transportation, travel or vacation services.

- (2) "Charge card" (A) means any card, device or instrument that (i) is issued, with or without a fee, to a holder and requires the holder to pay the full outstanding balance due on such card, device or instrument at the end of each standard billing cycle established by the issuer of such card, device or instrument, and (ii) may be used by the holder in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase or rent tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity or thing of value, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, any software application that (i) is used to store a digital form of such card, device or instrument, and (ii) may be used in a transaction to receive such services or lease, purchase or rent any such property, article, commodity or thing.
- 1643 (3) "Credit card" (A) means any card, device or instrument that (i) is 1644 issued, with or without a fee, to a holder, and (ii) may be used by the 1645 holder in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase or rent

1646 tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other 1647 article, commodity or thing of value on credit, regardless of whether such card, device or instrument is known as a credit card, credit plate or 1648 1649 by any other name, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, any software 1650 application that (i) is used to store a digital form of such card, device or 1651 instrument, and (ii) may be used in a transaction to receive such services 1652 or lease, purchase or rent any such property, article, commodity or thing 1653 on credit. 1654 (4) (A) "Debit card" (i) means any card, code, device or other means 1655 of access, or any combination thereof, that (I) is authorized or issued for use to debit an asset account held, directly or indirectly, by a financial 1656 1657 institution, and (II) may be used in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase or rent tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed 1658 1659 property, or any other article, commodity or thing of value regardless of 1660 whether such card, code, device, means or combination is known as a 1661 debit card, and (ii) includes, but is not limited to, (I) any software 1662 application that is used to store a digital form of such card, code, device 1663 or other means of access, or any combination thereof, that may be used 1664 in a transaction to receive such services or lease, purchase or rent any 1665 such property, article, commodity or thing, and (II) any cards, codes, devices or other means of access, or any combination thereof, commonly 1666 1667 known as automated teller machine cards and payroll cards. 1668 (B) "Debit card" does not mean (i) a check, draft or similar paper 1669 instrument, or (ii) any electronic representation of such check, draft or 1670 instrument. 1671 (5) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, incorporated or unincorporated association, limited liability company, partnership, 1672 1673 trust or other legal entity. 1674 (6) "Surcharge" means any additional charge or fee that increases the 1675 total amount of a transaction for the privilege of using a particular form 1676 of payment.

(7) (A) "Transaction" means distribution by one person to another sHB5330/File No. 686 52

person of any service, or the lease, rental or sale by one person of any tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity or thing of value to another person, for a certain price.

- (B) "Transaction" does not mean payment of any (i) fees, costs, fines or other charges to a state agency authorized by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management under section 1-1j, (ii) taxes, penalties, interest and fees allowed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services in accordance with section 12-39r, (iii) taxes, penalties, interest and fees, or other charges, to a municipality in accordance with section 12-141a, (iv) fees, costs, fines or other charges to the Judicial Branch in accordance with section 51-193b, or (v) sum pursuant to any other provision of the general statutes or regulation of Connecticut state agencies.
- [(a)] (b) No [seller] person may impose a surcharge [on a buyer who elects to use any method of payment, including, but not limited to, cash, check, credit card or electronic means, in] on any [sales] transaction.
- [(b) Any seller who accepts or offers to accept a bank credit card bearing a trade name as a means of payment shall accept any bank credit card bearing such trade name presented by a cardholder, notwithstanding the identity of the card issuer. For the purposes of this subsection, "bank credit card" means any credit card issued by a bank, savings bank, savings and loan association or credit union.]
- (c) (1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any [seller] <u>person</u> from offering a discount [to a buyer] <u>on any transaction</u> to induce [such buyer to pay] <u>payment</u> by cash, <u>check</u>, debit card [, check] or similar means rather than by <u>charge card or</u> credit card. <u>No person may offer any such discount unless such person posts a notice disclosing such discount.</u> Such person shall clearly and conspicuously (A) post such notice on such person's premises if such person conducts transactions in-person, (B) display such notice on the Internet web site or digital payment application before completing any online transaction or transaction that is processed by way of such digital payment application, and (C)

verbally provide such notice before completing any oral transaction, including, but not limited to, any telephonic transaction.

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- (2) In furtherance of the legislative findings contained in section 42-133j, no existing or future <u>agreement or</u> contract [or agreement] shall prohibit a gasoline <u>distributor or</u> retailer [or distributor] from offering a discount to a buyer based upon the method [of payment by] such buyer <u>uses to pay</u> for such gasoline. Any provision in such [contract or] agreement <u>or contract</u> prohibiting such [retailer or] distributor <u>or retailer</u> from offering such discount is void and without effect [as] <u>because such provision is contrary to public policy</u>.
- [(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any seller from conditioning acceptance of a credit card on a buyer's minimum purchase. Each seller shall disclose any such minimum purchase policy orally or in writing at the point of purchase. For the purposes of this subsection, "at the point of purchase" includes, but is not limited to, at or on a cash register and in an advertisement or menu.
- (e) No provider of travel services may impose a surcharge on or reduce the commission paid to a travel agent who acts as an agent for such provider if the buyer uses a credit card to purchase such provider's travel services. A violation of any provision of this subsection shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b. As used in this subsection, "provider of travel services" means a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing travel, transportation or vacation services, but does not include a travel agent, and "travel agent" means a person, firm, corporation or other entity that (1) is (A) a duly appointed agent of a common carrier, or (B) a member of a cruise line association and operates exclusively as an agent for cruise lines in the sale of cruise travel products or services, and (2) offers or sells travel, transportation or vacation arrangements as an agent for a provider of travel services, but does not include a common carrier or an employee of a common carrier.]

(d) No person shall condition acceptance of a charge card or credit card for a transaction on a requirement that the transaction be in a minimum amount unless such person discloses such requirement. Such person shall clearly and conspicuously (1) post such notice on such person's premises if such person conducts transactions in-person, (2) display such notice on the Internet web site or digital payment application before completing any online transaction or transaction processed by way of such digital payment application, and (3) verbally provide such notice before completing any oral transaction, including, but not limited to, any telephonic transaction.

- (e) No person may reduce the amount of any commission paid to an agent for such person in a transaction because a charge card or credit card was used to provide payment as part of such transaction.
- (f) A violation of any provision of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an additional civil penalty for any violation of this section. The amount of such additional civil penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars per violation. Payments of such additional civil penalty shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a.
- 1763 (g) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt 1764 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to 1765 implement the provisions of this section.
 - Sec. 37. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Any contractor who is licensed under chapter 393 of the general statutes and engaged to perform work on a private residence, and any person who owns or controls a business that is engaged to perform work on, or render services concerning, a private residence through persons licensed under chapter 393 of the general statutes to perform such work or render such services, shall include in the invoice or work order for such work or services, provided such invoice or work order is not signed by the consumer and therefore

may constitute a contract, when complete: (1) The full legal name and 1774 1775 license number of such licensed contractor or the licensed contractor of 1776 record for such business for such work or services, which licensed 1777 contractor or licensed contractor of record is liable for the work of any 1778 individual who performs work on such contractor's behalf related to the 1779 invoiced work or services; (2) such licensed contractor's address or, in 1780 the case of a business, the business's address and phone number; (3) a 1781 description of such work or services; (4) the labor and material costs of 1782 such work or services; (5) the date or dates on which such work was 1783 performed or services were rendered; and (6) the complete name of each 1784 licensee who performed such work or rendered such services. For the 1785 purposes of this section, "private residence" has the same meaning as 1786 provided in section 20-419 of the general statutes.

- Sec. 38. Section 16a-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1789 (a) As used in <u>this section and</u> sections [16a-17] <u>16a-18</u> to 16a-20, 1790 inclusive:
- [(1) "Fuel" includes electricity, natural gas, petroleum products, coal and coal products, wood fuels, radioactive materials and any other resource yielding energy;]
- [(2)] (1) "Creating a fuel shortage" means the diminution by contrivance or artificial means of the supply of fuel to a point below that needed to meet consumer demands adequately; [.] and
- 1797 (2) "Fuel" includes coal and coal products, electricity, natural gas, 1798 petroleum products, radioactive materials, wood fuels and any other 1799 resource yielding energy.
- 1800 (b) As used in sections 16a-21, <u>as amended by this act</u>, 16a-22a and 1801 16a-22k:
- 1802 (1) "Associated equipment" means a gas line, gas regulator, [gas line,] 1803 sacrificial anode, interconnecting hardware and [such] any other

equipment <u>that is</u> necessary [for the installation and operation of] <u>to</u> install and operate a propane tank;

- (2) "Automatic delivery" means the delivery of heating fuel to a consumer by a dealer [pursuant to] <u>under</u> a system determined by the dealer of calculating the <u>consumer's</u> heating fuel needs [of the consumer,] based on the consumer's [consumption of] heating fuel consumption;
- (3) "Cash" (A) means [legal tender,] a certified or cashier's check, commercial money order, legal tender or equivalent of such [legal tender,] check, [or] money order [. Cash also] or legal tender, and (B) includes a guaranteed payment on behalf of a consumer by a government or community action agency, provided no discount is taken for the charge as billed;
- 1817 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer 1818 Protection;
- 1819 (5) "Consumer" means a direct purchaser of heating fuel from a 1820 heating fuel dealer [, when such fuel is the primary source of heat for 1821 residential heating or domestic hot water to] <u>for</u> one or more dwelling 1822 units within a structure having not more than four dwelling units;
- 1823 (6) "Gallon" means an accepted unit of measure consisting of two 1824 hundred thirty-one cubic inches, for all liquid or gaseous heating fuel, 1825 subject to modifications allowed under regulations adopted pursuant to 1826 section 43-42;
- (7) "Heating fuel" means any petroleum-based fuel, including any petroleum product regulated pursuant to chapter 250, used as the primary source of residential heating or domestic hot water; [, including petroleum products regulated pursuant to chapter 250;]
- 1831 (8) "Heating fuel dealer" or "dealer" means any individual or group 1832 of individuals who, or a cooperative, corporation, firm, limited liability 1833 company or partnership [, corporation, cooperative or limited liability

company] that, offers [the retail sale of] to sell, at retail, heating fuel to a consumer;

- 1836 (9) "Lessee" means a natural person who rents or leases personal property under a consumer rental or lease agreement;
- 1838 (10) "Lessor" means a heating fuel dealer who regularly provides the 1839 use of personal property through consumer rental or lease agreements 1840 and to whom rent is paid at a fixed interval for the use of such property;
- 1841 (11) "Notice of termination of automatic delivery" means a notice by 1842 a consumer to a dealer providing automatic delivery in which the 1843 consumer requests that the dealer [to] terminate such automatic 1844 delivery; and
- 1845 (12) "Purchase price" or "commercially reasonable price" means a 1846 price that does not exceed the fair market value of [the] <u>a</u> propane tank 1847 and associated equipment, as applicable.
- Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 16a-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (b) If a consumer complaint is being mediated or investigated by the commissioner, the heating fuel dealer, if it owns the tank and has exclusive fill requirements, may not deny the consumer deliveries of heating fuel, [from October first to March thirty-first, inclusive] or fuel for cooking or power generation, because of the existence of the mediation or investigation, provided the heating fuel dealer remains the exclusive supplier of [heating] such fuel and the consumer pays cash for such fuel upon delivery.
- Sec. 40. Subsection (a) of section 16a-23m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1862 (a) As used in this section, sections 16a-23n to 16a-23s, inclusive, and section 16a-23v:

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(1) "Budget plan" means a type of contract offering heating fuel [,] that may be paid for in advance of, on or after delivery and is paid for in not less than three installment payments over a period of at least one hundred twenty days, [or more,] provided the amount required to be paid as the first payment under such contract is not greater than fifty per cent of the remaining amount due under [the plan] such contract;

- (2) "Capped price plan" means [an agreement where] <u>a contract</u> which provides that the cost to the consumer [of] <u>for</u> heating fuel shall not increase above a specified price per gallon and the consumer shall pay less than [the] <u>such</u> specified price under circumstances specified in such contract;
- 1875 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer 1876 Protection;
- (4) "Consumer" means a direct purchaser of heating fuel from a heating fuel dealer [, when such fuel is the primary source of heating fuel for residential heating or domestic hot water to] <u>for</u> one or more dwelling units within a structure having not more than four dwelling units;
- 1882 (5) "Forwards contract" means an agreement between two parties to 1883 buy or sell an asset at a certain future time for a certain price;
- 1884 (6) "Futures contract" means a standardized, transferable, exchange-1885 traded agreement that requires delivery of heating fuel at a specified 1886 price on a specified future date;
- (7) "Gallon" means an accepted unit of measure consisting of two hundred thirty-one cubic inches, for all liquid or gaseous heating fuel, subject to modifications allowed under regulations adopted pursuant to section 43-42;
- 1891 (8) "Guaranteed price plan", also known as "guaranteed plan", "fixed 1892 price", "full price", "lock in", "capped", "price cap", or other similar 1893 terminology, when used to describe a contract, means a type of contract

that is not paid in advance of delivery, offering heating fuel at a guaranteed future price or at a maximum future price;

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- (9) "Heating fuel" means any petroleum-based fuel, including any petroleum product regulated pursuant to chapter 250, used as a primary source of residential heating or domestic hot water; [, including petroleum products regulated pursuant to chapter 250;]
- (10) "Heating fuel dealer" or "dealer" means any individual or group of individuals <u>who</u>, or a [firm, partnership, corporation,] cooperative, [or] <u>corporation</u>, firm, limited liability company <u>or partnership</u> that, offers [the retail sale of] <u>to sell</u>, at <u>retail</u>, heating fuel to consumers;
- 1904 (11) "Heating oil" means a [predominantly liquefied] petroleum 1905 product, including a petroleum product known as #1 oil (kerosene), #2 1906 oil (heating oil), #4 oil, bio fuel or any bio fuel blended with 1907 conventionally refined fossil fuel commodities, that (A) is 1908 predominantly liquid at ambient temperatures, [that is] (B) is sold as a 1909 commodity, [and] (C) is a primary source of residential heating or 1910 domestic hot water, [including products known as #2 oil (heating oil), 1911 #1 oil (kerosene), #4 oil, bio fuels, or any bio fuel blended with 1912 conventionally refined fossil fuel commodities] and [that] (D) meets the 1913 requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials 1914 Standard D396, as amended from time to time;
 - (12) "Maintain" means retention of the balance, measured in gallons or other accepted units of measure, of heating fuel that remains to be delivered to consumers who are party to a guaranteed price plan contract;
- 1919 (13) "Physical supply contract" means an agreement for wet barrels 1920 or gallons of heating fuel that [has been] <u>is</u> secured by a heating fuel 1921 dealer;
- 1922 (14) "Prepaid guaranteed price plan", also known as "buy ahead", 1923 "prebuy", "prebought" or other similar terminology, when used to 1924 describe a contract, means a type of contract offering heating fuel at a

1925 guaranteed price, paid for in advance of delivery, but does not include 1926 a budget plan;

- (15) "Propane" or "liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)" means a petroleum product that (A) meets [ASTM] American Society for Testing and Materials specification D1835, as amended from time to time, [and] (B) is composed predominantly of [any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures thereof: Propane, propylene,] butanes (normal butane or isobutane), [and] butylenes, propane, propylene or any mixture thereof, and (C) is intended for use, among other things, as a fuel for residential heating; and
- (16) "Surety bond" means a bond, issued by a licensed insurance company or banking institution, as surety for a dealer <u>and</u> obligating [the] surety to the commissioner, in a sum certain, in guaranty of the <u>dealer's</u> full and faithful performance [by the dealer] of prepaid guaranteed price plan contracts entered into pursuant to this chapter.
- Sec. 41. Section 16a-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any person, firm or corporation required to register as a [home heating oil or propane gas] heating fuel dealer pursuant to section 16a-23m, as amended by this act, that offers plumbing or heating work service shall submit evidence, deemed satisfactory by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, when registering, that such person, firm or corporation subcontracts with or employs only persons licensed or registered pursuant to chapter 393 to perform such work. Such person, firm or corporation shall attest, when applying for registration as a heating fuel dealer pursuant to section 16a-23m, as amended by this act, that all plumbing or heating work service shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 393. Anyone registered under this section who offers such plumbing or heating services shall display the state license number of the subcontractor or employee performing such work for the registrant on all commercial vehicles used in their business and shall display such number in a conspicuous manner on all

1957 printed advertisements, bid proposals, contracts, invoices and 1958 stationery used in the business.

- Sec. 42. Section 20-334d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1961 (a) As used in this section:

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- 1962 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any 1963 education of an electrician or plumber that is (A) designed to maintain 1964 professional competence in the [pursuit,] practice, pursuit and 1965 standards of electrical work or plumbing and piping work, [and that is] 1966 (B) approved by the commissioner, and [is] (C) provided (i) by an 1967 agency, institution or organization [, institution or agency that is] that has been approved by the commissioner, and (ii) in-person or through 1968 1969 an online technology platform that includes real-time video with audio, 1970 requires participants to periodically confirm their active engagement 1971 during the educational training session and enables participants to 1972 interact with instructors in real time during the entire educational 1973 training session;
 - (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document [issued to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency] that (A) an agency, institution or organization that has been approved by the commissioner [that] and offers accredited continuing professional education [, which (A)] issues to an electrician or plumber, (B) certifies that an electrician or plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing education hours, and [(B)] (C) bears the (i) name of such agency, institution or organization, [institution or agency, the] (ii) title of the program, [the] (iii) dates during which the program was conducted, [the] (iv) number of continuing education hours satisfactorily completed, and [the] (v) signature of the director of such [organization, institution or organization or of such director's authorized agent; and
- 1987 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer 1988 Protection.

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(b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to: (1) [establish] Establish additional requirements for accredited continuing professional education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for electricians for good cause. Such regulations shall require not less than four hours per year of accredited continuing professional education for such electricians, except upon request of the Electrical Work Board, the commissioner may increase such hours to a maximum of seven hours.

(c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to: (1) [establish] Establish additional requirements for accredited continuing professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education every two years, except in the event of significant changes to the building code, as approved by the International Code Council, that relate to plumbing, the commissioner, at such commissioner's discretion, may require more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education every two years; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for plumbers for good cause.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, any person who has been issued a P-6, P-7, W-8 or W-9 license pursuant to section 20-334a and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall

2023 not be required to meet the continuing education requirements 2024 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

- 2025 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, 2026 of this section, all accredited continuing professional education offered 2027 under the provisions of this section shall: (1) Limit class size to (A) fifty 2028 attendees if such accredited continuing professional education is offered 2029 in-person, or (B) twenty-five attendees if such accredited continuing 2030 professional education is offered through an online technology 2031 platform; (2) not be offered or held at the place of business of a licensed 2032 plumbing contractor if such accredited continuing professional 2033 education is for plumbers and offered in-person; and (3) not be offered 2034 or held at the place of business of a licensed electrical contractor if such 2035 accredited continuing professional education is for electricians and 2036 offered in-person. A provider of an accredited continuing professional 2037 education course shall retain an audio-visual recording of such course 2038 for a period of not less than thirty days after completion of such course. 2039 Recordings shall be made available to the department upon the 2040 department's request for such recordings.
- Sec. 43. Section 20-500 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- As used in <u>this section and</u> sections [20-500] <u>20-501</u> to 20-529e, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 2046 (1) "Appraisal" means the practice of developing, in conformance with the USPAP, an opinion of the value of real property. [, in conformance with the USPAP.]
- 2049 (2) "Appraisal Foundation" means the not-for-profit corporation 2050 referred to in Section 1121 of Title XI of FIRREA.
- 2051 (3) "Appraisal management company" means any person, 2052 [partnership,] association, <u>corporation</u>, limited liability company or 2053 [corporation] <u>partnership</u> that performs appraisal management

services, [. "Appraisal management company"] but does not include:

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- (A) An appraiser that enters into [a] <u>an oral or</u> written [or oral] agreement with another appraiser for the performance of an appraisal, which is signed by both appraisers upon completion;
- (B) An appraisal management company that is a subsidiary owned and controlled by a financial institution regulated by a federal financial institution regulatory agency; [. For the purposes of this subdivision, "financial institution" means a bank, as defined in section 36a-2, an outof-state bank, as defined in section 36a-2, an institutional lender, any subsidiary or affiliate of such bank, out-of-state bank or institutional lender, or other lender licensed by the Department of Banking;]
 - (C) A department or [unit of a financial institution subject to regulation by an agency or department of the United States government or an agency of this state that only receives appraisal requests from an employee of such financial institution] division of an entity that provides appraisal management services exclusively to such entity; or
- 2070 (D) Any local, state or federal agency or department thereof.
- 2071 (4) "Appraisal management services" means: [any of the following:]
- 2072 (A) The administration of an appraiser panel;
- 2073 (B) The recruitment of certified appraisers to be part of an appraiser panel, including, but not limited to, the negotiation of fees to be paid to, and services to be provided by, [such] the certified appraisers for their participation on [such] the appraiser panel; or
- (C) The receipt of an appraisal request or order, or an appraisal review request or order, and the delivery of such request or order to an appraiser panel.
- 2080 (5) "Appraiser panel" means a network of appraisers who are certified 2081 in accordance with the requirements established by the commission by 2082 regulation, [who] are independent contractors of an appraisal

- 2083 management company and [who] have:
- (A) Responded to an invitation, request or solicitation from an appraisal management company to perform appraisals (i) requested or ordered through [such] the appraisal management company, or (ii) directly for [such] the appraisal management company on a periodic basis as assigned by [the] such appraisal management company; and
- 2089 (B) Been selected and approved by [such] the appraisal management company.
- 2091 (6) "Bank" has the same meaning as provided in section 36a-2.
- 2092 [(6)] (7) "Certified appraiser" means a person who has satisfied the 2093 minimum requirements for a category of certification established by the 2094 commission by regulation. Such minimum requirements shall be 2095 consistent with guidelines established by the Appraisal Qualification 2096 Board of the Appraisal Foundation. The categories of certification shall 2097 include [, but may be modified by the commission thereafter,] one 2098 category denoted as "certified residential appraiser" and another 2099 denoted as "certified general appraiser". The commission may modify 2100 such categories of certification.
- [(7)] (8) "Commission" means the Connecticut Real Estate Appraisal Commission appointed under the provisions of section 20-502.
- [(8)] (9) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.
- [(9)] (10) "Compliance manager" means a person who holds an appraiser certification in at least one state and [who] is responsible for overseeing the implementation of, and compliance with, procedures for an appraisal management company to:
- 2109 (A) Verify that a person being added to the appraiser panel of the 2110 <u>appraisal management</u> company holds a license in good standing in 2111 accordance with section 20-509;

2112 (B) Maintain detailed records of each appraisal request or order the
2113 <u>appraisal management</u> company receives and of the appraiser who
2114 performs such appraisal; and

- 2115 (C) Review on a periodic basis the work of all appraisers performing appraisals for the <u>appraisal management</u> company to ensure that such appraisals are being conducted in accordance with the USPAP.
- [(10)] (11) "Controlling person" means a person who has not had an appraiser license, [or a] similar license or appraiser certificate denied, refused [to be renewed] renewal, suspended or revoked in any state and: [who:]
- (A) Is [an owner, officer or director of a partnership,] <u>a director,</u> officer or owner of an association, corporation, limited liability company or [corporation] <u>partnership</u> offering or seeking to offer appraisal management services in this state;
- (B) Is employed by an appraisal management company and has the authority to enter into <u>agreements or</u> contracts [or agreements] for the performance of appraisal management services or appraisals, or is appointed or authorized by such <u>appraisal management</u> company to enter into such <u>agreements or</u> contracts; [or agreements;] or
- 2131 (C) May exercise authority over, or direct the management or policies of, an appraisal management company.
- [(11)] (12) "Engaging in the real estate appraisal business" means the act or process of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or other valuable consideration.
- 2136 (13) "Financial institution" means a bank, out-of-state bank or 2137 institutional lender, an affiliate or subsidiary of a bank, out-of-state bank 2138 or institutional lender or another lender licensed by the Department of 2139 Banking.
- [(12)] (14) "FIRREA" means the Financial Institutions, Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, P.L. 101-73, 103 Stat. 183.

2142 (15) "Out-of-state bank" has the same meaning as provided in section 2143 36a-2.

- 2144 [(13)] (16) "Person" means an individual.
- 2145 [(14)] (17) "Provisional appraiser" means a person engaged in the
- business of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or other valuable
- 2147 consideration under the supervision of a certified real estate appraiser
- 2148 and who meets the minimum requirements, if any, established by the
- 2149 commission by regulation for provisional appraiser status.
- 2150 [(15)] (18) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a provisional
- 2151 appraiser.
- 2152 [(16)] (19) "Real estate appraiser" or "appraiser" means a person
- 2153 engaged in the business of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or
- 2154 other valuable consideration.
- 2155 [(17)] (20) "USPAP" means the Uniform Standards of Professional
- 2156 Appraisal Practice issued by the Appraisal Standards Board of the
- 2157 Appraisal Foundation pursuant to Title XI of FIRREA.
- Sec. 44. Section 20-670 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 2159 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 2160 *passage*):
- 2161 As used in sections 20-670 to [20-680] 20-681, inclusive, as amended
- 2162 by this act, and section 45 of this act:
- 2163 (1) "Certificate" means a certificate of registration issued under
- 2164 section 20-672.
- 2165 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
- 2166 Protection or any person designated by the commissioner to administer
- 2167 and enforce the provisions of sections 20-670 to [20-680] 20-681,
- 2168 inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 45 of this act.
- 2169 (3) "Companion services" means nonmedical, basic supervision

services to ensure the <u>safety and</u> well-being [and safety] of a person in [such] <u>the</u> person's home.

- [(4) "Employee" means any person employed by, or who enters into a contract to perform services for, a homemaker-companion agency, including, but not limited to, temporary employees, pool employees and persons treated by such agency as independent contractors.]
 - (4) "Covenant not to compete" means any agreement or contract that restricts the right of an individual to provide companion services, home health services or homemaker services (A) in any geographic area of the state for any period of time, or (B) to a specific individual.

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(5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemakercompanion agency, that includes [:] (A) [A] <u>a</u> review of any application materials prepared or requested by the homemaker-companion agency and completed by the prospective employee, [;] (B) an in-person or video-conference interview of the prospective employee, [;] (C) verification of the prospective employee's Social Security number, [;] (D) if the [position] prospective employee has applied for a position within the <u>homemaker-companion</u> agency <u>that</u> requires licensure on the part of [the] such prospective employee, verification that the required license is in good standing, [;] (E) a check of the registry established and maintained pursuant to section 54-257, [;] (F) a local and national criminal background check of criminal matters of public record based on the prospective employee's name and date of birth that includes a search of a multistate and multijurisdiction criminal record locator or other similar commercial nationwide database with validation, and a search of the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website, conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background screening company that is accredited by the Professional Background Screening Association and in compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, [;] (G) if the prospective employee has resided in this state for less than three years prior to the date of [the] such prospective employee's application with the homemaker-companion

2203 agency, a review of criminal conviction information from the state or

- 2204 states where such prospective employee resided during such three-year
- 2205 period, [;] and (H) a review of any other information that the
- 2206 <u>homemaker-companion</u> agency deems necessary in order to evaluate
- 2207 the suitability of the prospective employee for the position.
- [(6) "Homemaker services" means nonmedical, supportive services
- 2209 that ensure a safe and healthy environment for a person in such person's
- 2210 home, such services to include assistance with personal hygiene,
- 2211 cooking, household cleaning, laundry and other household chores.]
- 2212 (6) "Employee" means any person employed by, or who enters into a
- 2213 contract to perform services for, a homemaker-companion agency,
- 2214 including, but not limited to, pool employees, temporary employees
- 2215 and persons the homemaker-companion agency treats as independent
- 2216 contractors.
- 2217 (7) (A) "Homemaker-companion agency" means [(A)] any (i) public
- 2218 or private organization that employs one or more persons and is
- 2219 engaged in the business of providing companion services or
- 2220 homemaker services, or [(B) any] (ii) registry.
- 2221 (B) "Homemaker-companion agency" [shall] does not include (i) a
- 2222 home health care agency, as defined in subsection (d) of section 19a-490,
- or (ii) a home health aide agency, as defined in subsection (e) of section
- 2224 19a-490.
- 2225 (8) "Homemaker services" means nonmedical and supportive
- 2226 services, including assistance with cooking, household cleaning,
- 2227 <u>laundry, personal hygiene and other household chores, that ensure a</u>
- healthy and safe environment for a person in the person's home.
- 2229 (9) "Immediate family member" means a child by adoption, blood or
- 2230 <u>marriage or a grandchild, grandparent, parent, sibling or spouse.</u>
- [(8)] (10) "Registry" means any person or entity engaged in the
- 2232 business of supplying or referring an individual to, or placing an

individual with, a consumer for the purpose of enabling the individual

- 2234 to provide to the consumer companion services or homemaker [or
- 2235 companion services provided by such individual, when the] services,
- 2236 <u>provided such</u> individual [providing such services is either] <u>is</u> (A)
- 2237 directly compensated, in whole or in part, by the consumer, or (B)
- 2238 [treated, referred to or] considered, referred to or treated by such person
- 2239 or entity as an independent contractor.
- [(9)] (11) "Service plan" means a written document, provided by a
- 2241 homemaker-companion agency to a person utilizing companion
- services or homemaker services provided by such agency, that specifies
- 2243 the anticipated [scope, type, frequency and duration of homemaker or]
- 2244 <u>duration, frequency, scope and type of the companion services or</u>
- 2245 <u>homemaker</u> services that are to be provided by such agency for the
- benefit of [the] such person.
- Sec. 45. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) No person, other than an
- 2248 immediate family member, who is an agent, corporate officer or
- 2249 employee of a homemaker-companion agency, or has an ownership
- interest in a homemaker-companion agency, shall act as an agent under
- 2251 a power of attorney for any person who has contracted with the
- 2252 homemaker-companion agency to receive companion services or
- 2253 homemaker services.
- 2254 (b) A person receiving companion services or homemaker services
- 2255 may petition the Commissioner of Consumer Protection for an
- 2256 exemption from subsection (a) of this section, and the commissioner
- 2257 may grant such exemption for good cause shown.
- Sec. 46. Section 20-338d of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 2260 *passage*):
- 2261 (a) For the purposes of this section, "owner" and "private residence"
- have the same meanings as provided in section 20-419.
- [(a)] (b) No written contract to perform work on a private residence

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[, as defined in section 20-419,] by a contractor licensed pursuant to this chapter or any person who owns or controls a business engaged to provide the work or services licensed under the provisions of this chapter by persons licensed for such work, shall be valid or enforceable against an owner [, as defined in section 20-419,] unless [it: (1) Is in writing; (2) is] such contract: (1) Is signed by the owner and the contractor or business; [(3)] (2) contains the entire agreement between the owner and the contractor or business; [(4)] (3) contains the date of the transaction; [(5)] (4) contains the name and address of the contractor and the contractor's license number or, in the case of a business, the name of the business owner, partner or limited liability member and the phone number and address of the business, partnership or limited liability company; [(6)] (5) contains the name and license number of any licensees performing the work, provided the name and the license number of a licensee may be amended in writing during the term of the contract; [(7)] (6) contains a notice [of] disclosing the owner's cancellation rights in accordance with the provisions of chapter 740 and subject to the exception set forth in subsection (c) of this section; and [(8)] (7) contains a starting date and completion date.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 740, no owner shall cancel a written contract that is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section if: (1) Such contract was executed for the purpose of making emergency or immediate repairs that were necessary to protect persons, personal property or real property; and (2) prior to executing such contract, the owner provided to the contractor or business owner a written statement, dated and signed by the owner, describing the situation requiring such emergency or immediate repairs and expressly acknowledging that the owner waives the right to cancel such contract in accordance with the provisions of chapter 740.

(d) Each contractor or business owner that enters into a written contract that is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall deliver and provide to each owner who is a party to such contract, free of charge, a copy of such contract at the time such contract is executed. If such contract is amended, such contractor or business

owner shall provide to each owner who is a party to such contract, free of charge, a copy of such amendment at the time such contract is amended.

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- [(b)] (e) Each change in the terms and conditions of a <u>written</u> contract [specified in] <u>that is subject to the provisions of</u> subsection [(a)] (b) of this section shall be in writing and shall be signed by the owner and contractor or business, except that the commissioner may, by regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54, dispense with the necessity for complying with such requirement.
- Sec. 47. Section 20-681 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- [For purposes of this section "covenant not to compete" means any contract or agreement that restricts the right of an individual to provide homemaker, companion or home health services (1) in any geographic area of the state for any period of time, or (2) to a specific individual.] Any covenant not to compete is against public policy and shall be void and unenforceable.
- Sec. 48. Subsection (c) of section 21a-10 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (c) For any Department of Consumer Protection license, certificate, registration or permit that requires the holder to complete continuing education requirements, the continuing education requirements shall be completed within the annual or biannual period that begins and ends three months prior to the renewal date for the applicable license, certificate, registration or permit, except for licenses issued pursuant to [chapter] chapters 389 and 400j.
- Sec. 49. Section 21a-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- For the purposes of this section and sections 21a-152 to [21a-160] 21a-

- 2328 159, inclusive, as amended by this act:
- 2329 (1) "Bakery" means a building or part of a building, including, but not limited to, a hotel, private institution, restaurant, establishment
- 2331 operating doughnut-frying equipment or other similar place, where
- bread, cakes, cookies, crackers, crullers, doughnuts, [crullers] macaroni,
- 2333 pies, [cookies, crackers,] spaghetti [, macaroni] or other food products,
- 2334 <u>including</u>, but not limited to, canned or frozen baked goods, are made,
- 2335 either wholly or in part of flour or meal, [including frozen or canned
- 2336 baked goods. "Bakery" includes, but is not limited to, any restaurant,
- 2337 hotel, private institution, establishment operating doughnut-frying
- 2338 equipment or other similar place that offers such food products] or
- 2339 offered for sale.
- 2340 (2) "Food manufacturing establishment" means a building or part of
- 2341 a building where food is [prepared] canned, cooked, cut, dehydrated,
- 2342 <u>frozen, milled or repacked</u> for sale to other establishments for human
- 2343 consumption. [For purposes of this subdivision, "prepared" means a
- 2344 process of canning, cooking, freezing, dehydrating, milling, repacking
- or cutting.] Premises that are used solely for the retail sale or storage of
- 2346 prepackaged food, and facilities, as described in sections 21a-24a and
- 2347 22-6r and chapters 417, 419a, 422, 423, 430, 431 and 491, shall not be
- 2348 considered food manufacturing establishments.
- 2349 (3) "Food warehouse" means a building or part of a building where
- food is stored for wholesale distribution, provided such building or part
- of such building is used primarily for the importation, storage or
- 2352 distribution of packaged food and not for other activities for which a
- 2353 license is required pursuant to section 21a-152, as amended by this act.
- 2354 Premises licensed pursuant to [said] section <u>21a-152</u>, as amended by this
- 2355 <u>act,</u> and facilities, as described in sections 21a-24a and 22-6r and chapters
- 2356 417, 419a, 422, 423, 430, 431 and 491, shall not be considered food
- 2357 warehouses.
- 2358 (4) "Packaged food" means standard or random weight or volume
- 2359 packages of food commodities that are enclosed in a container or

wrapped in any manner, in advance of wholesale or retail sale, such that the food commodities cannot be added to or subtracted from the package or wrapping without breaking or tearing the wrapping, container or seals on the wrapping or container.

- Sec. 50. Section 21a-152 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) Each bakery, [food warehouse and] food manufacturing establishment and food warehouse shall be designed, constructed and operated as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection directs pursuant to sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, and chapter 418. [The provisions of this subsection requiring the commissioner to direct the design and construction of a food warehouse shall not be required for a food warehouse that was registered in good standing pursuant to section 21a-160 prior to October 1, 2019, provided the warehouse is in good repair so that stored food is properly protected and the premises is free of pests.] Each bakery, food manufacturing establishment and food warehouse [and food manufacturing establishment] remains subject to the provisions of chapter 418.
- (b) No [person, firm or] corporation, firm or person shall operate a bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse [or food manufacturing establishment] with the intent of producing or storing products for human consumption without having first obtained from [said commissioner] the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a license. [Application] Applications for such license shall be made on forms, furnished by the commissioner, showing the name and address of such bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse. [or food manufacturing establishment.] Bakeries shall show the number of persons engaged in the production of bread and pastry products, excluding [porters,] dishwashers, drivers, porters, sales personnel and other employees not directly engaged in such production. The commissioner shall cause an inspection to be [made] conducted of the premises described in the application and, if conditions are found satisfactory, issue such license. [shall be issued.] No corporation, firm or

2393 person [, firm or corporation] operating a bakery, food manufacturing 2394 establishment or food warehouse, or any agent, employee or servant [or 2395 employee] thereof, shall refuse, hinder or otherwise interfere with the 2396 commissioner's, or the commissioner's authorized representative's, 2397 access [by the commissioner or his authorized representative] to the 2398 bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse for the 2399 purpose of conducting an inspection. No corporation, firm or person [, 2400 firm or corporation] shall: (1) [sell] Sell or distribute bread, cakes, cookies, crackers, crullers, doughnuts, [crullers] macaroni, pies, 2401 2402 [cookies, crackers,] spaghetti [, macaroni] or other food products, 2403 including frozen or canned baked goods, made in whole or in part of 2404 flour or meal, produced in any bakery located within or beyond the 2405 boundaries of this state; [,] (2) sell or distribute food produced in a food 2406 manufacturing establishment located within the boundaries of this 2407 state; [,] or (3) store any food for wholesale distribution in a food 2408 warehouse, unless such bakery, food manufacturing establishment or 2409 food warehouse [or food manufacturing establishment] has obtained a 2410 license from [said] the commissioner. Facilities licensed pursuant to 2411 chapter 417 as food vendors and frozen dessert vendors, and all facilities 2412 licensed pursuant to chapters 419a and 430, shall be exempt from such 2413 licensing requirement. The commissioner may promulgate regulations 2414 excepting out-of-state manufacturers of products [,] commonly known 2415 as brown bread, cookies, crackers [, brown bread] or plum puddings in 2416 hermetically sealed containers and other similar products [,] from the 2417 license provisions of this section. Such license shall be valid for one year 2418 and a fee [therefor] for such license shall be collected as follows: From a 2419 [person, firm or] corporation, firm or person owning or conducting a 2420 bakery in which there are not more than four persons [or fewer] engaged 2421 in the production of bread and pastry products, twenty dollars; in which 2422 there are [not fewer than] at least five [nor] but not more than nine 2423 persons so engaged, forty dollars; in which there are [not fewer than] at 2424 least ten [nor] but not more than twenty-four persons so engaged, one 2425 hundred dollars; in which there are [not fewer than] at least twenty-five 2426 [nor] but not more than ninety-nine persons so engaged, two hundred 2427 dollars; in which there are [more than] at least one hundred persons so

engaged, two hundred fifty dollars. The fee for a food [manufacturer]
manufacturing establishment or food warehouse license shall be twenty
dollars annually. [No prior inspection by the commissioner shall be
necessary for a food warehouse registered under section 21a-160 prior
to October 1, 2019, which is required to transfer its registration to a new
license under the provisions of this subsection.]

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(c) [A] The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may revoke a bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse [or food manufacturer license may be revoked by said commissioner] license for any violation of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, after a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 54. In addition, the commissioner may summarily suspend a bakery, [or food manufacturer] food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse license [may be summarily suspended] pending a hearing if [said] the commissioner has reason to believe that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. [Within] Not later than ten days following the suspension order, [said] the commissioner shall cause to be held a hearing which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of [said] chapter 54. Following [said] such hearing, [said] the commissioner shall dissolve such suspension or order revocation of the bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse [or food manufacturer] license. Any [person, firm or] corporation, firm or person whose license has been revoked may [make application] apply for a new license and [said] the commissioner shall act on such application [within] not later than thirty days [of receipt] after the commissioner receives such application. The costs of any inspections necessary to determine whether or not an applicant, whose license has been revoked, is entitled to have a new license granted shall be borne by the applicant at such rates as the commissioner may determine. [Said] The commissioner may refuse to grant any bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse [or food manufacturer] a license if [he or she] the commissioner finds that the applicant has evidenced a pattern of noncompliance with the provisions of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as

amended by this act. Prima facie evidence of a pattern of noncompliance shall be established if [said] the commissioner shows that the applicant has had two or more bakery, food manufacturing establishment or food warehouse [or food manufacturer] licenses revoked.

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- (d) All vehicles used in the transportation of bakery, <u>food</u> <u>manufacturing establishment</u> or food warehouse products shall be kept in a sanitary condition and shall have the name and address of the bakery, <u>food manufacturing establishment</u> or food warehouse owner, operator or distributor legibly printed on both sides. Each compartment in which unwrapped bakery, <u>food manufacturing establishment</u> or food warehouse products are transported shall be enclosed in a manner approved by the commissioner.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not prevent local health authorities from enforcing orders or regulations concerning the sanitary condition of <u>retail</u> bakeries.
- (f) Any person who desires to obtain a license under the provisions of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall first obtain and present to the [commissioner] Commissioner of Consumer Protection a certificate of approval of the location for which such license is desired. The certificate of approval shall be obtained from the zoning commission, planning and zoning commission or local authority of the town, city or borough in which the facility is located or is proposed to be located. [A] No certificate of approval shall [not] be required [in the case of the transfer of the last issued license from one person to another or in the case of a renewal of a license by the holder of the license of a new license if the proposed use conforms to existing zoning requirements, for a license renewal by the license holder or for a transfer by the license holder to another person of the license most recently issued to such license holder. The commissioner shall not issue any license under the provisions of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, for which a certificate of approval is required until such certificate of approval is obtained by the license applicant. [The provisions of this

subsection requiring a certificate of approval from the zoning commission or other local authority shall not apply to any food warehouse that was registered in good standing pursuant to section 21a-160 prior to October 1, 2019.]

- Sec. 51. Section 21a-156 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 2501 The commissioner shall, from time to time, after inquiry and public 2502 hearing, adopt and promulgate regulations to supplement and give full 2503 effect to the provisions of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, 2504 inclusive, as amended by this act. Such regulations, among other things, 2505 may establish sanitary requirements pertaining to the manufacture and 2506 distribution of bread and pastry products. Such regulations may also 2507 cover provisions restricting the sale of dangerous, harmful and 2508 unwholesome bread and pastry products, the labeling of bread and 2509 pastry products, the inspection of bakeries, food manufacturing 2510 establishments and food warehouses and the establishment of costs for 2511 special inspections. The commissioner shall annually review the 2512 amounts of bakery, food manufacturing establishment and food 2513 warehouse license fees referred to in subsection (b) of section 21a-152, 2514 as amended by this act, and shall increase such fees in order to reflect 2515 the costs to the department of carrying out the provisions of sections 2516 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 52. Section 21a-159 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) Any person who violates any provision of sections 21a-151 to [21a-2520 160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any regulation made thereunder, or fails to comply with an order of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall: (1) [for] For a first offense, be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars; [,] and (2) for [any] each subsequent offense, be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.
- 2525 (b) The [commissioner] <u>Commissioner of Consumer Protection</u> may 2526 apply to the Superior Court for, and such court may [,] upon hearing

2527 and for cause shown [,] grant, a temporary or permanent injunction enjoining any person from operating a bakery, food manufacturing 2528 2529 establishment or food warehouse or food manufacturing 2530 establishment] without a license issued in accordance with sections 21a-2531 151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, irrespective 2532 of whether or not there exists an adequate remedy at law. The 2533 commissioner also may apply to the Superior Court for, and such court 2534 shall have jurisdiction to grant, a temporary restraining order pending 2535 a hearing. Such application for injunctive or other appropriate relief 2536 shall be brought by the Attorney General.

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- (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after providing notice and conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, may issue a warning citation to, or impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense on, any person who violates any provision of sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 21a-156, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 53. Subsection (a) of section 22-54u of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) The preparation, packaging, labeling and sale of honey and maple syrup produced in this state shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and sections 21a-151 to [21a-160] 21a-159, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall be under the licensing, inspection and enforcement authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the commissioner's authorized agents.
 - Sec. 54. Section 21a-421bb of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 9 of substitute house bill 5329 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2559 (a) No person other than the holder of a cannabis establishment 2560 license issued by this state shall advertise any cannabis or services related to cannabis in this state.

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- (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, cannabis establishments shall not:
- 2564 (1) Advertise, including, but not limited to, through a business name 2565 or logo, cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia or goods or services related to 2566 cannabis:
- 2567 (A) In ways that target or are designed to appeal to individuals under 2568 twenty-one years of age, including, but not limited to, spokespersons or 2569 celebrities who appeal to individuals under the legal age to purchase 2570 cannabis or cannabis products, depictions of a person under twenty-five 2571 years of age consuming cannabis, or, the inclusion of objects, such as 2572 toys, characters or cartoon characters, suggesting the presence of a 2573 person under twenty-one years of age, or any other depiction designed 2574 in any manner to be appealing to a person under twenty-one years of 2575 age; or
 - (B) By using any image, or any other visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;
 - (2) Engage in any advertising by means of any form of billboard within one thousand five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary school ground or a house of worship, recreation center or facility, child care center, playground, public park or library, or engage in any advertising by means of an electronic or illuminated billboard between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock p.m.;
 - (3) Engage in advertising by means of any television, radio, Internet, mobile application, social media or other electronic communication, billboard or other outdoor signage, or print publication unless the cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that at least ninety per cent of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be

twenty-one years of age or older;

(4) Engage in advertising or marketing directed toward location-based devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, unless the marketing is a mobile device application installed on the device by the owner of the device who is twenty-one years of age or older and includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and warnings that the use of cannabis is restricted to persons twenty-one years of age or older;

- (5) Advertise cannabis or cannabis products in a manner claiming or implying, or permit any employee of the cannabis establishment to claim or imply, that such products have curative or therapeutic effects, or that any other medical claim is true, or allow any employee to promote cannabis for a wellness purpose unless such claims are substantiated as set forth in regulations adopted under chapter 420f or verbally conveyed by a licensed pharmacist or other licensed medical practitioner in the course of business in, or while representing, a hybrid retail or dispensary facility;
- (6) Sponsor charitable, sports, musical, artistic, cultural, social or other similar events or advertising at, or in connection with, such an event unless the cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that (A) not more than ten per cent of the in-person audience at the event is reasonably expected to be under the legal age to purchase cannabis or cannabis products, and (B) not more than ten per cent of the audience that will watch, listen or participate in the event is expected to be under the legal age to purchase cannabis products;
- (7) Advertise cannabis, cannabis products or cannabis paraphernalia in any physical form visible to the public within [one thousand] five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary school ground or a [house of worship,] recreation center or facility, child care center, playground, public park or library;
- (8) Cultivate cannabis or manufacture cannabis products for distribution outside of this state in violation of federal law, advertise in any way that encourages the transportation of cannabis across state lines

2622 or otherwise encourages illegal activity;

- (9) Except for dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers, exhibit within or upon the outside of the facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, or include in any advertisement, the word "dispensary" or any variation of such term or any other words, displays or symbols indicating that such store, shop or place of business is a dispensary;
- (10) Exhibit within or upon the outside of the premises subject to the cannabis establishment license, or include in any advertisement the words "drug store", "pharmacy", "apothecary", "drug", "drugs" or "medicine shop" or any combination of such terms or any other words, displays or symbols indicating that such store, shop or place of business is a pharmacy;
 - (11) Advertise on or in public or private vehicles or at bus stops, taxi stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports or other similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not owned by a cannabis establishment;
 - (12) Display cannabis, cannabis products or any image, or any other visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, so as to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of the facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, or display signs or other printed material advertising any brand or any kind of cannabis or cannabis product, or including any image, or any other visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, on the exterior of any facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment;
 - (13) Utilize radio or loudspeaker, in a vehicle or in or outside of a facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, for the purposes of advertising the sale of cannabis or cannabis products; or
- 2652 (14) Operate any web site advertising or depicting cannabis, cannabis

products or cannabis paraphernalia unless such web site verifies that the entrants or users are twenty-one years of age or older.

- (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any advertisements from a cannabis establishment shall contain the following warning: "Do not use cannabis if you are under twenty-one years of age. Keep cannabis out of the reach of children." In a print or visual medium, such warning shall be conspicuous, easily legible and shall take up not less than ten per cent of the advertisement space. In an audio medium, such warning shall be at the same speed as the rest of the advertisement and be easily intelligible.
- (d) Any outdoor signage, including, but not limited to, any monument sign, pylon sign or wayfinding sign, shall be deemed to satisfy the audience requirement established in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section, and shall not be required to contain the warning required under subsection (c) of this section, if such outdoor signage:
- 2669 (1) Contains only the name and logo of the cannabis establishment;
- 2670 (2) Does not include any image, or any other visual representation, of 2671 the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not 2672 limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;
- 2673 (3) Is comprised of not more than three colors; and
- 2674 (4) Is located:

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- 2675 (A) On the cannabis establishment's premises, regardless of whether 2676 such cannabis establishment leases or owns such premises; or
- 2677 (B) On any commercial property occupied by multiple tenants 2678 including such cannabis establishment.
- 2679 (e) The department shall not register, and may require revision of, 2680 any submitted or registered cannabis brand name that:

2681 (1) Is identical to, or confusingly similar to, the name of an existing 2682 non-cannabis product;

- 2683 (2) Is identical to, or confusingly similar to, the name of an unlawful product or substance;
- 2685 (3) Is confusingly similar to the name of a previously approved cannabis brand name;
- 2687 (4) Is obscene or indecent; and
- 2688 (5) Is customarily associated with persons under the age of twenty-2689 one.
- 2690 (f) A violation of the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of 2691 this section shall be deemed to be an unfair or deceptive trade practice 2692 under subsection (a) of section 42-110b.
- Sec. 55. Section 21a-160 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
sections:				
Section 1	from passage	30-1		
Sec. 2	from passage	New section		
Sec. 3	from passage	30-19f(a) to (c)		
Sec. 4	from passage	30-20		
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Sec. 33	from passage	28-32
Sec. 34	from passage	21a-79
Sec. 35	from passage	21a-79b
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Sec. 37	July 1, 2022	New section
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Sec. 51	from passage	21a-156
Sec. 52	from passage	21a-159
Sec. 53	from passage	22-54u(a)
Sec. 54	from passage	21a-421bb
Sec. 55	from passage	Repealer section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue	See Below	See Below
	Impact		
Consumer Protection, Dept.	Various -	See Below	See Below
_	Potential		
	Revenue Gain		

Note: GF=General Fund: Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to the consumer protection statutes resulting in the potential revenue impact described below.

- **Section 2** establishes a religious wine retailer¹ permit resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent the permit is applied for. It's anticipated this permit will generate less than ten applications.
- **Section 3** expands the in-state transporter's permit to allow one permit to cover boats and vehicles under common control, direction, or management resulting in a potential revenue loss to the extent fewer in-state transporter's permits are applied for. In FY 21 there were 80 in-state transporters permits.
- Section 8 allows café permits in all airports rather than just in Bradley International Airport resulting in a potential revenue

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¹ The annual fee for the religious wine retailer permit is \$250.

gain to the state if additional airports apply for café permits.

• Sections 18-19 expands the list of exempted permits and allows certain permittees to obtain an additional permit resulting in a potential revenue gain to the extent additional permits are applied for.

- **Section 27** makes the provisional permit \$500 fee nonrefundable resulting in a potential revenue gain to the extent refunds would have been issued.
- Section 37 allows the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to impose an additional civil penalty (up to \$500) for violations regarding credit card surcharge prohibitions resulting in a potential revenue gain to the Consumer Protection Enforcement Account to the extent violations occur and civil penalties are imposed.

The bill also makes various changes to consumer protection statute resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

House "A" eliminates one section and makes various cannabis advertising changes resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permit applications and renewals and violations.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5330 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

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§§ 2 & 23 — RELIGIOUS WINE RETAILER PERMIT

Establishes a religious wine retailer permit that allows permittees to make retail sales of sacramental wine to religious organizations

§ 3 — IN-STATE TRANSPORTER PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Allows an in-state transporter's permittee to have one permit to cover all their boats and vehicles under common control, direction, or management

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Allows package store and grocery store beer permittees to allow curbside pick-up of previously purchased alcoholic liquor

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Deems food delivery through a third-party as satisfying the requirement that cafe and Connecticut craft cafe permittees keep food available for sale

§ 8 — CAFE PERMITS IN AIRPORTS

Allows additional airports to receive cafe permits for on premises alcohol sales

§§ 11, 13-16, 20 & 23 — CLUB AND NONPROFIT CLUB PERMITS

Makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes to implement changes from PA 21-10 that reestablished the club and nonprofit club permits; until June 5, 2024, allows these

permittees to sell and deliver alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption subject to specified conditions

§§ 17 & 26 — PLACARDING EXEMPTIONS

Exempts off-site farm winery sales and wine, cider, and mead tasting permits; out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine; out-of-state winery shipper's permits for wine; in-state transporter's permits; and seasonal outdoor open-air permits from certain notification and placarding requirements

§ 17 — BUILDING, FIRE, ZONING, AND HOUR EXEMPTION

Expands the exemption for providing proof that certain local requirements will be met

§ 18 — EXEMPTION TO THE MANDATORY REFUSAL OF PERMITS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

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Allows a backer or permittee of an airline permit and an in-state transporter's permit for a boat to be a backer or permittee of another permit class

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Exempts airline permittees from having their permit or a duplicate framed and hung in plain view

§ 24 — RESTAURANT SPACE

Specifies that a dining room must have at least 400 square feet of dining space and seating for 20 individuals when there is no effective separation

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Requires a provisional permit application to be sworn rather than affirmed and makes the 90-day provisional permit nonrefundable

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During a declared emergency, authorizes pharmacies and other registrants to transfer a medical device to another pharmacy, registrant or DCP-approved location

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Makes a conforming change to reflect a law that generally requires public accountants to complete their continuing education by June 30

§ 49-54 — FOOD WAREHOUSES, BAKERIES, AND FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

Makes various minor and conforming changes to generally subject food warehouses, bakeries, and food manufacturing establishments to the same laws; eliminates the requirement that applicants obtain a certificate of zoning approval if the proposed use conforms to existing zoning requirements; expands DCP's authority to issue regulations

§ 55 — CANNABIS ADVERTISING

Eliminates the increase, under sHB 5329, as amended by House "A," in the minimum distance required for certain cannabis advertisements from certain buildings; instead prohibits billboard advertising within 1,500 feet of these same buildings

SUMMARY

This bill makes various changes in the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) statutes, including:

- 1. making various changes in the Liquor Control Act, including establishing a religious wine retailer permit, allowing certain curbside alcohol pickup, and making certain minor, technical, and conforming changes (§§ 1-29);
- 2. generally extending to information collected under the state's medical marijuana and controlled substance registration laws protections against the public disclosure of identifying information (§ 30);
- 3. making various changes in the pharmacy and controlled substances laws, including (a) allowing DCP-registered non-resident pharmacies to use automated prescription dispensing machines in nursing homes and (b) authorizing controlled substances manufacturers and wholesalers to accept electronic orders for schedule II controlled substances (§§ 30-33);
- 4. specifying that retailers must give the consumer the product at the reduced price rather than for free in certain circumstances (§§ 34-35);
- 5. making various changes to the prohibition on credit card surcharges, including exempting certain governmental agencies, and requiring additional disclosures (§ 36);
- 6. making various changes in the laws regulating licensed tradespeople, including requiring them to include certain information in invoices or work orders when working on private residences (§§ 37, 42, 46 & 48);
- 7. expanding the prohibition against consumer heating fuel dealers denying fuel deliveries while a consumer complaint is pending

before DCP (§ 39);

8. generally prohibiting anyone associated with a homemaker-companion agency, other than a client's immediate family member, from serving as the client's agent under a power of attorney (§ 45);

- 9. generally subjecting food warehouses, bakeries, and food manufacturing establishments to the same laws (§§ 49-54); and
- 10. eliminating the increase, under sHB 5329, as amended by House "A," in the minimum distance required for certain cannabis advertisements from certain buildings and instead prohibiting billboard advertising within 1,500 feet of these same buildings(§ 55).

*House Amendment "A" eliminates a provision on flavoring agents used in prescriptions and adds the provision on cannabis advertising.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provisions on tradespeople's invoices or work orders (§ 38) is effective July 1, 2022.

§ 1 — CASE BOTTLE QUANTITIES

Expands the numbers and quantities of bottles allowed in a case of alcoholic liquor

Existing law establishes the quantity and number of bottles generally allowed in a case of alcoholic liquor (other than beer, cocktails, cordials, prepared mixed drinks, and wines). The bill expands the allowable quantities and numbers of bottles to include those shown in the following table.

Additional Case Bottle Quantities Allowed Under the Bill

Quantity	Bottle Size (mL)
6	1,800

12	700
12	720
12	900

§§ 1, 8, 16-19 & 21 — BOATS

Eliminates the provision allowing prior boat permittees to be deemed in compliance with the cafe permit and allows an in-state transporter's permit the same rights and privileges under current law as these cafe permits

PA 19-24, among other things, combined various permits for onpremises alcohol consumption into the cafe permit, including the boat permit. PA 21-11, among other things, allowed an in-state transporter's permittee for alcoholic liquor, with DCP approval, to sell and serve alcoholic liquor (e.g., beer, wine, and spirits) for consumption on boats hired to transport passengers. The bill eliminates the provision allowing prior boat permittees to be deemed in compliance with the cafe permit and instead provides boats operating under an in-state transporter's permit the same rights and privileges under current law as these cafe permits.

The bill defines "boat," as any vessel that (1) operates on any Connecticut waterway, and (2) engages in transporting passengers for hire to or from any Connecticut port.

§§ 2 & 23 — RELIGIOUS WINE RETAILER PERMIT

Establishes a religious wine retailer permit that allows permittees to make retail sales of sacramental wine to religious organizations

The bill establishes a religious wine retailer permit, which allows the holder to import and sell at retail, sacramental wine to religious organizations. Under the bill, "sacramental wine" is wine used exclusively for religious or sacramental purposes and exempt from state alcoholic beverages tax under state regulations (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 12-449-9a). A "religious organization" is (1) any religious corporation, society, or organization formed or recognized under state law (chapter 598) or (2) any religious organization that is exempt from the state alcoholic beverages tax.

The sacramental wine must not be consumed on the permit premises and any wine sale must only take place during permissible hours (i.e., Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Permittees cannot sell or dispense alcohol on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, or Christmas Day).

The bill requires the permittee to operate at least one retail location in Connecticut, be primarily engaged in the business of selling religious supplies that do not contain alcohol, and not hold any other alcoholic liquor permit. The annual fee for a religious wine retail permit is \$250.

Under the bill, a permittee may purchase sacramental wine directly from a manufacturer, out-of-state shipper, or wholesaler. All wine shipments must be conspicuously labeled "for sacramental or religious purposes only." If the permittee imports a supply of any sacramental wine brand directly from a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper into the state, the brand does not need to comply with state registration and price filing requirements.

§ 3 — IN-STATE TRANSPORTER PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Allows an in-state transporter's permittee to have one permit to cover all their boats and vehicles under common control, direction, or management

PA 21-11 allowed an in-state transporter's permittee for alcoholic liquor, with DCP approval, to sell and serve alcoholic liquor for consumption on boats hired to transport passengers and motor vehicles in livery services (e.g., limousines). Under current law, one permit covers all boats and vehicles under common ownership. The bill expands this provision to also allow one permit to cover boats and vehicles under common control, direction, or management.

§§ 4, 5 & 7— CURBSIDE PICKUP OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Allows package store and grocery store beer permittees to allow curbside pick-up of previously purchased alcoholic liquor

The bill allows package store and grocery store beer permittees to allow curbside pick-up of previously purchased alcoholic liquor (e.g., spirits, wine, and beer) by (1) the consumer who purchased the alcoholic

liquor or (2) an in-state transporter's permittee or his or her agent. The curbside pick-up must be limited to the space immediately adjacent to, or in the parking lot abutting, the permit premises. The permittees may allow the curbside pick-up during the hours a package store or grocery store is allowed to sell alcoholic liquor, unless a more restrictive municipal ordinance limits the pick-up hours. The bill explicitly excludes curbside pick-ups from provisions in existing law that prohibit drive-up sales of alcoholic liquor.

§§ 6, 9-10 & 12 — TECHNICAL CHANGES

Makes various technical changes

The bill makes various technical changes.

§§ 8 & 25 — THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY

Deems food delivery through a third-party as satisfying the requirement that cafe and Connecticut craft cafe permittees keep food available for sale

By law, cafe and Connecticut craft cafe permittees must keep food available for sale for the majority of the hours they are open, which may include outside vendors located on or near the premises. The bill allows food delivery through a third-party to satisfy the food requirement.

§ 8 — CAFE PERMITS IN AIRPORTS

Allows additional airports to receive cafe permits for on premises alcohol sales

The bill allows cafe permits to be issued in any airport rather than just in the Bradley International Airport. As under existing law, the location must be in a passenger terminal complex, or adjacent to the complex and attached by a common partition that is open to the public or airline club members or their guests, with or without food sales.

§§ 11, 13-16, 20 & 23 — CLUB AND NONPROFIT CLUB PERMITS

Makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes to implement changes from PA 21-10 that reestablished the club and nonprofit club permits; until June 5, 2024, allows these permittees to sell and deliver alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption subject to specified conditions

Technical and Conforming Changes

PA 21-10 reestablished the club and nonprofit club alcoholic liquor permits and eliminated prior provisions that allowed these permittees

to receive a cafe permit. PA 19-24, among other things, combined various permits for on-premises alcohol consumption into the cafe permit, including the club and nonprofit club permits. The bill makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes to implement the changes from both of these acts.

Off-premises Consumption Sales and Deliveries

Existing law allows manufacturers, hotels, restaurants, and certain cafe permittees, until June 5, 2024, to sell and deliver sealed alcoholic liquor (e.g., beer, wine, or spirits) for off-premises consumption. The bill extends this same authorization to club and nonprofit permittees, subject to the same conditions that apply to these other permittees under existing law. This includes requirements that the:

- 1. alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption be accompanied by food prepared on the permit premises;
- 2. sales be consistent with all local ordinances where the premises is located;
- 3. any container other than the manufacturer's original sealed container be securely sealed in a way that prevents consumption without removing the tamper-evident lid, cap, or seal;
- 4. sales and deliveries be made (a) only during the hours package stores may operate under state law and (b) by the permittee's direct employee (or a third-party vendor or entity that holds an in-state transporter permit); and
- 5. sales comply with specified per-customer, per-order limits (i.e., 196 ounces for beer, one liter for spirits, and 1.5 liters for wine).

§§ 17 & 26 — PLACARDING EXEMPTIONS

Exempts off-site farm winery sales and wine, cider, and mead tasting permits; out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine; out-of-state winery shipper's permits for wine; in-state transporter's permits; and seasonal outdoor open-air permits from certain notification and placarding requirements

By law, liquor permit applicants are generally required to give notice

of a new permit in the newspaper and place placards visible from the road that include certain information, such as the business's name and location. The bill exempts applicants for the following permits from these placarding requirements for both new permits and renewals: off-site farm winery sales and wine, cider, and mead tasting permits; out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine; out-of-state winery shipper's permits for wine; in-state transporter's permits, including boats operating under this permit; and seasonal outdoor open-air permits.

§ 17 — BUILDING, FIRE, ZONING, AND HOUR EXEMPTION

Expands the exemption for providing proof that certain local requirements will be met

By law, liquor applicants are generally required to submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local building, fire, and zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale will be met. Current law exempts prior airport permits deemed in compliance with a cafe permit from these requirements. The bill expands the exemption to prior railroad permittees deemed in compliance with a cafe permit.

\S 18 — EXEMPTION TO THE MANDATORY REFUSAL OF PERMITS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

Expands the list of cafe permits that are excluded from the mandatory liquor permit refusal law

Existing law generally requires DCP to refuse liquor permits to certain individuals (e.g., state marshals and judges), except for specified permit types (e.g., out-of-state shipper's and airline permits). The bill expands the list of exempted permits to include all cafe permits, rather than just cafe permits for special outing facilities.

§ 19 — HOLDING TWO PERMITS

Allows a backer or permittee of an airline permit and an in-state transporter's permit for a boat to be a backer or permittee of another permit class

By law, with certain exceptions, permittees of one class are not allowed to be a permittee of another class (CGS § 30-48(a)).

The bill allows backers and permittees for airline permits and boats operating under in-state transporter's permits to be a holder or backer

of one or more other classes of permits. It also allows in-state transporter's permittees to hold a seasonal outdoor open-air permit.

§ 22 — AIRLINE PERMITS

Exempts airline permittees from having their permit or a duplicate framed and hung in plain view

The bill exempts airline permittees from having their permit or a duplicate framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place in any room where sales are allowed and carried on. By law, an airline permit allows airlines to sell or dispense alcohol for consumption to passengers while in transit on any aircraft that is operated regularly (CGS § 30-28a).

§ 24 — RESTAURANT SPACE

Specifies that a dining room must have at least 400 square feet of dining space and seating for 20 individuals when there is no effective separation

The bill specifies that, for purposes of a restaurant permit, a dining room must have at least 400 square feet of dining space and seating for 20 individuals in the dining room, even if the space has no effective separation between the barroom and dining room. By regulation, restaurants are already required to have this square footage and seating capacity (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 30-6-B28).

§ 27 — PROVISIONAL PERMIT FEES NONREFUNDABLE

Requires a provisional permit application to be sworn rather than affirmed and makes the 90-day provisional permit nonrefundable

Under current law, DCP or the Liquor Control Commission may issue a 90-day provisional permit to an applicant or backer who has, among other things, submitted an affirmed application. The bill instead requires the applicant to make a sworn application. The bill also makes the provisional permit's \$500 fee nonrefundable.

§ 28 — MINORS EMPLOYED IN CAFES

Specifically allows minors (under age 21) to be employed in any premises with a cafe permit

The law generally allows anyone over age 16 to be employed by an alcoholic liquor permittee, except individuals must be at least age 18 to serve or sell alcohol (CGS § 30-90a). The café permit laws, however,

currently prohibit minors (under age 21) from being employed in any capacity on any premises operating under a cafe permit. The bill eliminates this prohibition, thus specifically allowing minors to be employed on a cafe permit's premises, subject to the age and liquor handling restrictions that generally apply to alcoholic liquor permittees.

§ 30 — DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Generally extends to information collected under the state's medical marijuana and controlled substance registration laws existing law's protections against the public disclosure of identifying information

The bill extends, to include information collected under the state's medical marijuana and controlled substance registration laws (e.g., filings and inspection reports), a law that generally prohibits DCP, the Pharmacy Commission, and the Department of Public Health, from publicly disclosing information that allows the identification of individuals or institutions. Under existing law unchanged by the bill, exceptions include disclosure (1) during a proceeding involving licensure or the right to practice and (2) that the DCP commissioner deems to be in the interest of public health.

§ 31— AUTOMATED PRESCRIPTION DISPENSING MACHINES

Expands the definition of "long-term care pharmacy" to additionally allow registered non-resident pharmacies to use automated prescription dispensing machines in nursing homes

The bill expands an authorization to use automated prescription dispensing machines in nursing homes to DCP-registered non-resident pharmacies.

Automated prescription dispensing machines are pharmacyoperated machines and associated software through which the operators, based on a verified prescription, package and label patient specific medications that are dispensed by the machine. By law, a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse must administer the dispensed medication packets.

§ 32 — ELECTRONIC ORDERS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Authorizes manufacturers and wholesalers to accept electronic orders for schedule II controlled substances

Consistent with federal law, the bill authorizes controlled substances manufacturers and wholesalers to accept electronic orders for schedule II controlled substances, if the orders are submitted through the Drug Enforcement Agency's Controlled Substance Ordering System. Currently, under state law, for schedule II drugs, manufacturers and wholesalers are only permitted to accept written orders.

The bill correspondingly eliminates a requirement that an order for a schedule I or II drug be in writing and signed in triplicate (federal rules similarly eliminated the triplicate form system in 2021).

§ 33 — TRANSFERS DURING EMERGENCIES

During a declared emergency, authorizes pharmacies and other registrants to transfer a medical device to another pharmacy, registrant or DCP-approved location

As is already the law for drugs and controlled drugs during a declared emergency, the bill authorizes pharmacies and other controlled substances registrants to transfer a medical device, if permissible under federal law and with prior DCP commissioner approval, to (1) another pharmacy or registrant or (2) another location the commissioner authorizes. Registrants must accurately record the transfer as state and federal law require and report it in writing to the DCP commissioner. The bill's authorization applies to emergencies declared by the governor or his authorized representative.

The bill defines medical devices as apparatuses, contrivances, and instruments, including their accessories, components, and parts, intended (1) for curing, diagnosing, mitigating, preventing, or treating a human or animal disease, or (2) to affect the structure or function of the human or an animal body.

§§ 34 & 35 — GET ONE FREE

Specifies that in instances when a retailer fails to redeem a coupon or remove a limited time reduced price sign, the retailer must give the consumer the product at the reduced price rather than for free

By law, consumers are generally entitled to receive an item for free, up to a \$20 value, if the (1) electronically scanned price is higher than the posted price or (2) price at the point of sale is higher than the

advertised or posted price. Consistent with agency practice, the bill specifies that in instances where a person, association, corporation, firm, or partnership (i.e., retailer) fails to redeem a digital or paper coupon or remove a limited time reduced price sign, the retailer must give the consumer the item (including fruits or vegetables weighed at point of sale) at the reduced price rather than free of cost.

Under the bill, if a retailer fails to redeem a coupon, the retailer must give the consumer a refund equal to the coupon's value. In cases where a retailer fails to remove a limited time reduced price sign, the retailer must give the reduced price to consumers if the sign is next to the consumer commodity, even if the time period for the reduced price has expired.

As under existing law, these provisions apply only to stores with retail sales areas of more than 10,000 square feet. The DCP commissioner, after providing notice and conducting a hearing, may issue violators a warning citation or impose civil penalties ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

By law, a consumer commodity is any food (including those that are weighed), drug, device, cosmetic, product, or commodity of any other class, except prescription drugs, that is customarily produced for retail sale for individual consumption, personal care, or household purposes and is usually consumed or expended during consumption or use. It does not include alcoholic liquor or carbonated soft drink containers (CGS §§ 21a-73 & - 79b).

The bill also makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes.

§ 36 — CREDIT CARD SURCHARGE PROHIBITION

Makes various changes to the prohibition on credit card surcharges, including exempting certain governmental agencies, requiring additional disclosures when there is a minimum transaction amount or cash discount offer, and deeming violations under the bill as violations under CUTPA and allowing the DCP commissioner to assess additional penalties

The bill makes various changes to the prohibition on surcharges. It:

- 1. exempts certain governmental agencies,
- 2. extends provisions applying to credit cards to also apply to charge cards,
- 3. requires additional disclosures when there is a minimum transaction amount or cash discount offer,
- 4. defines previously undefined terms,
- 5. eliminates a requirement that sellers accept certain trade name bank cards,
- 6. expands the prohibition on reducing commission paid to an agent because a credit card was used to pay,
- 7. deems violations an unfair or deceptive trade practice and allows the DCP commissioner to impose additional civil penalties, and
- 8. allows the DCP commissioner to adopt regulations to implement these provisions.

The bill also makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes

Transactions

Current law prohibits sellers from imposing a surcharge on a buyer who chooses to use any form of payment, including cash, check, credit card, or other means in any sales transaction. The bill expands this provision to prohibit any person from imposing a surcharge on any transaction. Under the bill, a "surcharge" is any additional charge or fee that increases the transaction's total amount for the privilege of using a particular form of payment.

Under the bill, a "person" means any natural person, corporation, incorporated or unincorporated association, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity. "Transaction" means distribution by one person to another person of any service, or the lease, rental, or sale by one person of any tangible or intangible personal, real,

or mixed property, or any other article, commodity, or thing of value to another person, for a certain price.

The bill specifically exempts certain governmental charges from its requirements. "Transaction" does not include payment of any:

- 1. fees, costs, fines, or other charges to a state agency authorized by the Office of Policy and Management secretary (CGS § 1-1j);
- 2. taxes, penalties, interest, and fees allowed by the revenue services commissioner (CGS § 12-39r);
- 3. taxes, penalties, interest and fees, or other charges, to a municipality (CGS § 12-141a);
- 4. fees, costs, fines, or other charges to the judicial branch (CGS § 51-193b); or
- 5. amounts pursuant to any other provision of the general statutes or regulation of Connecticut state agencies.

Minimum Transaction Amount

As under current law, if a person (e.g., seller) requires a minimum transaction amount to use a credit card, the person must disclose the requirement in writing or orally. The bill extends this requirement to charge cards.

Additionally, the bill requires the written disclosure to be clearly and conspicuously posted on the person's premises if the person conducts in-person transactions. Current law only requires sellers to disclose the minimum transaction amount in writing at the point of purchase (e.g., at or on a cash register, an advertisement, or menu).

Current law requires a seller to disclose the minimum purchase policy orally. The bill specifies that it must be done before completing any oral transaction, including telephone transactions.

The bill also requires the person to display the notice clearly and

conspicuously on the Internet website or digital payment application before any online transaction or transaction processed by the digital payment application is completed.

A "charge card" means any card, device, or instrument that (1) is issued, with or without a fee, to a holder and requires the holder to pay the full outstanding balance due at the end of each standard billing cycle the issuer established, and (2) the holder uses in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase, or rent tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity, or thing of value. It also includes any software application that (1) is used to store a digital form of the card, device, or instrument, and (2) may be used in a transaction to receive these services or lease, purchase, or rent the property, article, commodity, or thing.

Cash Discount

Under current law, a seller may offer a discount to encourage a cash, check, debit card, or similar payment over a credit card payment. The bill also allows sellers to offer discounts to encourage these payments over charge card payments. The bill requires anyone offering this discount to post notice of it in-store, online, or orally in the same way as the minimum transaction policy (see above).

Definitions

The bill defines several previously undefined terms.

Under the bill, "credit card" (1) means any card, device, or instrument that (a) is issued, with or without a fee, to a holder, and (b) may be used by the holder in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase, or rent tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity, or thing of value on credit, regardless of whether the card, device, or instrument is known as a credit card, credit plate, or by any other name. It includes any software application that (1) is used to store a digital form of such card, device, or instrument, and (2) may be used in a transaction to receive such services or lease, purchase, or rent any such property, article, commodity, or thing on credit.

"Debit card" means any card, code, device, or other means of access, or any combination thereof, that (1) is authorized or issued for use to debit an asset account held, directly or indirectly, by a financial institution, and (2) may be used in a transaction to receive services or lease, purchase, or rent tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity, or thing of value regardless of whether the card, code, device, means, or combination is known as a debit card. It includes (1) any software application that is used to store a digital form of such card, code, device, or other means of access, or any combination thereof, that may be used in a transaction to receive such services or lease, purchase, or rent any such property, article, commodity, or thing, and (2) any cards, codes, devices, or other means of access, or any combination thereof, commonly known as automated teller machine cards and payroll cards. A "debit card" does not mean (1) a check, draft, or similar paper instrument, or (2) any electronic representation of such check, draft, or instrument.

Trade Name Bank Credit Card

The bill eliminates a provision that requires any seller who accepts or offers to accept a bank credit card bearing a trade name as payment to accept any bank credit card with the tradename a cardholder presents, regardless of the card issuer's identity.

Prohibition on Reducing Commission

The bill expands to additional industries, current law's prohibition on reducing the amount of commission paid to a travel agent because a credit card was used to pay. The bill expands this prohibition to any agent, which is anyone who (1) arranges for the distribution of services by another person, or (2) leases, rents, or sells tangible or intangible personal, real or mixed property, or any other article, commodity, or thing of value, on behalf of another person. Under the bill, the prohibition also applies to charge card transactions.

Violations

Under the bill, any violation of these provisions is deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice (CUTPA). Under current law, only violations

of provision prohibiting reducing commission are CUTPA violations.

The bill also allows the DCP commissioner to impose an additional civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation. Civil penalty payments must be deposited into the consumer protection enforcement account.

By law, CUTPA prohibits businesses from engaging in unfair and deceptive acts or practices. It allows the DCP commissioner to issue regulations defining an unfair trade practice, investigate complaints, issue cease and desist orders, order restitution in cases involving less than \$10,000, enter into consent agreements, ask the attorney general to seek injunctive relief, and accept voluntary statements of compliance. It also allows individuals to sue. Courts may issue restraining orders; award actual and punitive damages, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees; and impose civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for willful violations and up to \$25,000 for a restraining order violation.

§ 37 — INVOICES AND WORK ORDERS FOR WORK ON A PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Requires licensed tradespeople and businesses performing work on private residences to include certain information in invoices or work orders for completed work and services

The bill requires certain tradespeople and businesses performing work on private residences to include the following information on invoices or work orders for completed work and services:

- 1. the legal name and license number of the licensed contractor or the responsible licensed contractor of record;
- 2. the name of each licensee who performed work;
- 3. the contractor's address or, in the case of a business, the business's address and phone number; and
- 4. a description of the work or services performed, including the dates it was done and the labor and material costs.

Under the bill, these requirements do not apply to invoices or work orders that are signed by consumers and, therefore, are a contract.

The bill's requirement applies to work performed on private residences (generally one-to-six unit residential properties and condominium or common interest communities of any size) by a licensed contractor in the elevator installation, repair, and maintenance; fire protection sprinkler systems; flat glass work; gas hearth; heating, piping, and cooling; irrigation; plumbing and piping; residential star lift; sheet metal; solar; swimming pool; and electrical fields. It also applies to the people who own or control businesses that perform work or provide services to these residences through the same licensed tradespeople.

§§ 38-41 — CONSUMER HEATING FUEL DEALERS

Expands the prohibition against consumer heating fuel dealers denying fuel deliveries while a consumer complaint before DCP is pending by extending it to deliveries (1) year-round and (2) for fuel for cooking or power generation

Existing law establishes conditions under which a heating fuel dealer who owns a residential tank and has exclusive fill requirements is barred from refusing to make fuel deliveries to a consumer because of a complaint DCP is mediating or investigating. Currently, these dealers are barred from refusing deliveries from October 1 to March 31 if the (1) dealer is the only supplier and (2) consumer pays cash upon delivery. The bill eliminates the seasonal nature of the ban, making it apply year-round.

The bill also appears to expand this prohibition to deliveries of fuel used for cooking or power generation. However, the bill does not change existing laws to incorporate the broader range of covered fuels, dealers, and consumers. (Existing law, unchanged by the bill, defines "consumer" as a purchaser of fuel used as the primary source of residential heat or domestic hot water. Similarly, the bill applies to "heating fuel dealers," which are defined under existing law as dealers of petroleum-based fuels that are used as the primary source of residential heat or domestic hot water. Because these terms do not capture buyers and sellers of cooking or power generation fuels, it is unclear whether the bill will capture transactions involving cooking or power generation fuel deliveries.)

The bill also makes numerous technical and conforming changes.

§ 42 — CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS

Authorizes electricians and plumbers to take required continuing education online; establishes requirements (e.g., class size and location) for continuing education

Current regulations require continuing education (CE) for tradespeople in the electrical and plumbing and piping fields to be conducted in a classroom-style facility and prohibit correspondence courses (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 20-334d-1). The bill broadens the types of CE courses that may be offered to include online courses that (1) include real-time video with audio, (2) require participants to periodically confirm their active engagement, and (3) allow participants to interact with instructors in real time during the entire CE session.

The bill also establishes additional requirements for these in-person and online CE courses. Under the bill, the courses must:

- 1. be limited to 50 attendees if offered in-person, and 25 attendees if online; and
- 2. not be offered or held at a licensed plumbing or electrical contractor's place of business if the course is for plumbers or electricians, respectively, and offered in-person.

Under the bill, CE providers must (1) retain an audio-visual recording of their online or in-person course for at least 30 days and (2) make the recordings available at DCP's request.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

§ 43 — APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES (AMC)

Makes a minor change to address a federal audit of the AMC laws

The bill makes a minor change to the definition of AMC to address a federal audit recommendation. Currently, the definition of AMC excludes a financial institution's department or unit that (1) is regulated by a Connecticut or federal agency and (2) only receives appraisal

requests from the financial institution's employees. The bill repeals this qualification and instead specifies that AMCs exclude departments or divisions of an entity providing appraisal management services exclusively to that entity.

Under existing law unchanged by the bill, the following are also not considered AMCs:

- 1. an appraiser that enters into an agreement with another appraiser to perform an appraisal, if the appraisal is signed by both appraisers upon completion;
- 2. an AMC that is a subsidiary owned and controlled by a financial institution regulated by a federal financial institution regulatory agency (i.e., a bank, out-of-state bank, or institutional lender (or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates) or another lender licensed by the Department of Banking); and
- 3. any local, state, or federal agency or department.

The bill also makes a number technical and conforming changes.

§§ 44-45 & 47 — HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES

Generally prohibits anyone associated with a homemaker-companion agency, other than a client's immediate family member, from serving as the client's agent under a power of attorney

The bill prohibits homemaker-companion agencies' owners, agents, corporate officers, and employees (other than a client's immediate family member) from serving as a client's agent under a power of attorney. The client may petition the DCP commissioner for an exemption, which may be granted for good cause shown.

The bill defines "immediate family member" as a child by adoption, blood, or marriage; grandchild; grandparent; parent; sibling; or spouse.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

§ 46 — CONTRACTS FOR WORK ON PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Eliminates a requirement that contracts for work on private residential property by licensed tradespeople be in writing; requires written contracts to be provided to the property owner when they are executed or amended; specifies the conditions under which a property owner can cancel a contract for emergency repairs

Applicable Contracts

The bill makes several changes to a law enacted in 2021 that requires contracts for work on private residential property by licensed tradespeople to meet certain specifications in order to be valid or enforceable against the owner. Specifically, the bill:

- 1. limits the application of this law to written contracts only, excluding oral contracts between a property owner and contractor (or employing business) and
- 2. requires contractors (or the employing businesses) that enter into these written contracts to deliver and give to each owner who is a party to the contract a copy of it when it is executed or amended, for free.

As under existing law, the bill's provisions apply to work performed by a licensed contractor in the elevator installation, repair, and maintenance; fire protection sprinkler systems; flat glass work; gas hearth; heating, piping, and cooling; irrigation; plumbing and piping; residential star lift; sheet metal; solar; swimming pool; and electrical fields. It applies to work on private residences, which are generally oneto-six unit residential properties and condominium or common interest communities of any size.

Emergency or Immediate Repairs

The bill specifies that an owner's cancellation rights under the Home Solicitation Sales Act do not apply when:

- 1. a written contract was executed for the purpose of making emergency or immediate repairs that were necessary to protect people or real or personal property; and
- 2. prior to executing the written contract, the owner gave the contractor (or employing business) a written, signed, and dated

statement (a) describing the situation requiring emergency or immediate repairs and (b) expressly waiving the right to cancel the contract under the Home Solicitation Sales Act.

The bill's provisions supersede those in the Home Solicitation Sales Act that exempt a transaction from the Act's coverage if the consumer (1) initiates the transaction to resolve a personal emergency and (2) gives the seller a separate handwritten, signed, and dated description of the emergency and expressly waives his or her cancellation rights.

The bill requires the portion of a written contract between a contractor (or employing business) and a property owner that discloses an owner's cancellation rights under the Home Solicitation Sales Act to include notice that those rights are subject to the bill's emergency repair exception.

§ 48 — CONTINUING EDUCATION DEADLINE FOR ACCOUNTANTS

Makes a conforming change to reflect a law that generally requires public accountants to complete their continuing education by June 30

Generally, the law requires DCP credential holders to complete their required CE at least three months before the credential's annual or biennial renewal date. But another existing law specifically requires certified public accountants to complete their annual CE by June 30 or face higher renewal fees (CGS § 20-281d).

The bill makes a conforming change to explicitly exempt public accountants from the general rule.

§ 49-54 — FOOD WAREHOUSES, BAKERIES, AND FOOD MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

Makes various minor and conforming changes to generally subject food warehouses, bakeries, and food manufacturing establishments to the same laws; eliminates the requirement that applicants obtain a certificate of zoning approval if the proposed use conforms to existing zoning requirements; expands DCP's authority to issue regulations

The bill makes several minor and conforming changes to uniformly regulate bakeries, food warehouses, and food manufacturing establishments. Specifically, it:

 subjects food manufacturing establishments to the same vehicle and transporting requirements applicable to bakeries and food warehouses (e.g., requiring that the vehicles be kept in a sanitary condition and have enclosed compartments in which unwrapped products are transported);

- 2. authorizes the DCP commissioner to summarily suspend a food warehouse license pending a hearing if she believes emergency action is necessary, just as existing law allows for bakery and food manufacturing licenses; and
- 3. expands DCP's authority to issue regulations to include regulations on (a) inspecting food warehouses and manufacturing establishments and (b) adjusting license fees for food manufacturing establishments.

Applicants for a new bakery, food warehouse, or food manufacturing establishment license must provide to DCP a certificate of zoning compliance for the proposed location. The bill exempts them from this requirement if the proposed use conforms to the municipality's existing zoning requirements (presumably, the applicant will attest to this). Current law exempts only food warehouses that were registered in good standing before October 2019. By law, unchanged by the bill, no certificate is required for license renewals or transfers.

Grandfathered Food Warehouses

The bill also reestablishes the DCP commissioner's authority to direct the design and construction of specified food warehouses. Current law exempts food warehouses from this oversight if they were registered in good standing before October 2019, in good repair, free of pests, and store food properly. The bill eliminates this exemption, presumably, subjecting these warehouses to the commissioner's authority when they are being expanded or modified. It also reestablishes the commissioner's authority to inspect a warehouse before issuing a license, even if the warehouse was registered before October 2019 and transferred its registration to a new license.

The bill also makes a number technical and conforming changes.

§ 55 — CANNABIS ADVERTISING

Eliminates the increase, under sHB 5329, as amended by House "A," in the minimum distance required for certain cannabis advertisements from certain buildings; instead prohibits billboard advertising within 1,500 feet of these same buildings

sHB 5329 (§ 8), as amended by House "A" and passed by the House, among other things, increases the minimum distance, from 500 to 1,500 feet, needed to advertise cannabis or cannabis products or paraphernalia in any physical form visible to the public from certain buildings (i.e., elementary or secondary school grounds, houses of worship, recreation centers or facilities, child care centers, playgrounds, public parks, or libraries). The bill eliminates this increase.

Instead, the bill prohibits cannabis establishments from advertising on any billboard within 1,500 feet of the buildings listed above.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/15/2022)